

CUET (UG) Examination Paper - 2025

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English

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Time Allowed : 60 Mins.

Maximum Marks : 250

General Instructions:

1. This Test contains 50 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. Five (5) marks will be given for each correct answer.
3. One (1) mark will be deducted for each incorrect answer.
4. If more than one option is chosen, then it will be considered as an incorrect answer.
5. Unanswered questions will be given no mark.

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

It's essential to focus on what you control, especially when life feels difficult. This mindset is often overshadowed by the flood of information we consume daily. For instance, I spent 30 minutes this morning going down a rabbit hole after reading about Bitcoin. I ended up lost in unrelated Wikipedia pages.

Stoicism teaches us that time is our most valuable resource. While it's nice to know many things, most of the information we consume has little real value. We waste time on trivial pursuits, like reading negative news, stalking social media profiles, or watching shows just to "kill time." Why kill something so precious?

We're quick to get upset by things we can't control. Responding to every little thing we encounter is a habit. But true happiness comes from accepting that we don't control most things. Worrying about global issues like recessions, wars, or natural disasters is unproductive. Indifference to things outside our control is the key to happiness.

Happiness comes from meaningful activities: good friendships, enjoyable work, reading thought-provoking books, walking in nature, working out, or watching a great movie. For example, a recent Saturday was fulfilling because I spent time reading, writing, walking, and enjoying meals with family.

Contrast that with another day when I got caught up in negative conversations about COVID. The negativity drained me, and I accomplished nothing useful. Things are the way they are. The best we can do is focus on what matters and how we spend our time.

1. Select the activity that contributes to happiness from the options given below:

- (1) Watching random TV shows
- (2) Arguing on social media
- (3) Reading thought-provoking books
- (4) Browsing the internet for news

Ans. Option (3) is Correct

Explanation: The passage emphasises that meaningful activities like reading thought-provoking books contribute to true happiness, unlike passive or negative habits such as watching random TV shows, arguing online or aimless browsing.

2. Select the central idea of the passage from the options given below:

1. Consuming more information leads to happiness..
2. Responding to global issues is essential.
3. Happiness comes from following current events.
4. Time is a valuable resource we should use it wisely.

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: The central idea of the passage is that time is precious and should be spent on meaningful activities within our control, rather than wasting it on unproductive or negative distractions.

3. Choose the best option to complete the sentence:

Practicing indifference to uncontrollable things helps to achieve_____

- (1) Better focus on global events
- (2) Fulfilling and lasting happiness
- (3) Improved emotional reactivity
- (4) A deeper knowledge of issues

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: The passage states that "Indifference to things outside our control is the key to happiness." This means letting go of uncontrollable worries leads to a more fulfilling and lasting sense of happiness.

4. Choose an example of wasting time based on the passage from the options given below:-

- (1) Scrolling social media profiles
- (2) Walking in nature
- (3) Spending time with family
- (4) Writing and reflecting

Ans. Option (1) is Correct

Explanation: The passage lists “scrolling social media profiles” as an example of wasting time on trivial pursuits, unlike meaningful activities like walking in nature, spending time with family or writing and reflecting.

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

In the ancient city of Varanasi, Arjun found his world transformed one monsoon afternoon. Born into a family of hardworking labourers, he was expected to follow in his father’s footsteps. Yet, Arjun harboured an unspoken passion for art that no one knew about. As dark clouds gathered and the first raindrops fell, he wandered through the narrow lanes of the old city, seeking solace from the predictable rhythms of life.

That day, as he took refuge under a vibrant awning in a bustling market, Arjun encountered an old painter named Raghav. With paint-splattered hands and eyes that shimmered with decades of experience, Raghav noticed the spark in Arjun’s eyes. He invited Arjun into his humble studio, where canvases whispered stories of love, loss, and hope. Inspired by Raghav’s gentle mentorship, Arjun discovered his own unique style, blending tradition with innovation.

Over time, his artwork became a mirror reflecting the emotions of the city, and his reputation grew. Arjun’s journey from a reluctant son to an emerging artist was not without hardship. Yet, every challenge became a brushstroke in the masterpiece of his life. Eventually, his creations graced galleries beyond Varanasi, uniting cultures and hearts. In every piece, Arjun celebrated the resilience of the human spirit, proving that passion and perseverance can transform even the most ordinary life into a vibrant work of art.

His journey, filled with unexpected lessons and creative breakthroughs, taught him that every struggle offered a chance to begin anew, inspiring his art with hope and transformation.

5. Determine the primary theme illustrated in the passage:

- (1) The preventable hardships for those who choose artistic paths for fulfilling their dreams.
- (2) The conflicts between urban modernity and ancient traditions in daily life that act as a hindrance in one’s path.
- (3) The fleeting beauty of monsoon afternoons in the ancient city encourages one to follow one’s passion.

- (4) The transformative influence of mentorship and following one’s passion despite adversity.

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: The passage centres on Arjun’s journey of self-discovery through art, sparked by a chance meeting with the mentor Raghav. It highlights how mentorship and the courage to pursue one’s hidden passion can lead to personal transformation, even amidst adversity.

6. Evaluate the impact of Arjun’s artwork as described in the passage:-

- (1) His art remained confined within the narrow lanes of Varanasi with little recognition.
- (2) His work was mostly criticised and led to further isolation from society, leading to sorrow and dejection.
- (3) His creations resonated deeply, uniting diverse cultures and inspiring many people.
- (4) His art was solely a personal hobby that never gained public attention though it gave him a lot of satisfaction.

Ans. Option (3) is Correct

Explanation: The passage clearly states that Arjun’s artwork “graced galleries beyond Varanasi, uniting cultures and hearts.” This shows that his art had a significant impact, going beyond personal fulfilment to inspire and connect people from different backgrounds.

7. Deduce the message the author conveys about overcoming obstacles:-

- (1) Struggles are insurmountable barriers that only worsen one’s chances of success.
- (2) Every challenge offers an opportunity to grow and transform one’s life with resilience.
- (3) Only those with privileged backgrounds can successfully overcome life’s obstacles.
- (4) Obstacles invariably lead to failure, regardless of personal determination or passion.

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: The passage emphasises that Arjun’s hardships became “brushstrokes in the masterpiece of his life” and that “every struggle offered a chance to begin anew.” This clearly conveys the message that resilience and passion can transform challenges into opportunities for personal growth and success.

8. Interpret the change in Arjun’s outlook on life throughout the passage:-

- (1) He learned to view every hardship as an essential brushstroke in his personal masterpiece.
- (2) He became indifferent to challenges and avoided confronting any obstacles whatsoever.
- (3) He rejected the essential idea of change and chose to adhere strictly to his old beliefs.
- (4) He focused solely on attaining commercial success, disregarding personal growth and art.

Ans. Option (1) is Correct

Explanation: The passage describes how Arjun's challenges shaped his journey and became integral to his growth as an artist and person. The line "every challenge became a brushstroke in the masterpiece of his life" directly supports this interpretation, showing his transformed and positive outlook on life through resilience and creativity.

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

India is renowned for its rich and diverse heritage of handicrafts, which reflect the country's deep cultural roots and artistic traditions. Each region in India has its own distinct craft, passed down through generations of artisans. These handicrafts showcase the intricate artistry, creativity, and skills of Indian craftsmen.

In Kashmir, the famous Pashmina shawls and carpets are known for their delicate embroidery and luxurious feel. Rajasthan is a treasure trove of vibrant handicrafts, including its famous tie-and-dye fabrics, exquisite jewellery, and intricate meenakari work. Andhra Pradesh is recognized for its Bidriware, a form of metalwork, and the beautiful Pochampally sarees, which are known for their traditional ikat patterns.

In Tamil Nadu, the intricate bronze sculptures and the traditional Kanjeevaram sarees are highly prized. Mysore is famous for its silk weaving and sandalwood products, while Kerala is known for its elegant ivory carvings and rosewood furniture. The terracotta figurines of Bankura, the delicate Chikan work from Lucknow, and the rich brocade and silk sarees from Banaras are a testament to India's diversity in craftsmanship.

These handicrafts not only contribute to India's cultural heritage but also provide employment to millions of artisans across the country. Over the years, these traditional crafts have evolved while preserving their authenticity, creating a legacy of artistic excellence. Indian handicrafts are a testament to the timeless creativity and skill of the artisans who continue to keep these traditions alive for generations to come.

9. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a famous handicraft from Rajasthan?

- (1) Tie-and-dye fabrics
- (2) Pashmina shawls
- (3) Stone studded Jewellery
- (4) Meenakari work

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: The passage mentions Pashmina shawls as a famous handicraft from Kashmir, not Rajasthan. Tie and dye fabrics, stone-studded jewellery and meenakari work are all associated with Rajasthan.

10. The traditional ikat patterns are found in _____ sarees from Andhra Pradesh.

- (1) Mysore
- (2) Kanjeevaram
- (3) Pochampally
- (4) Banaras

Ans. Option (3) is Correct

Explanation: The passage states that Pochampally sarees from Andhra Pradesh are known for their traditional ikat patterns.

11. According to the passage, what has helped preserve Indian handicrafts over the years?

- (1) Government support in all its fervor and essence
- (2) Modern technologies with the help of AI and meta
- (3) International demand for the renowned handicrafts
- (4) Generational knowledge passed down by artisans

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: The passage mentions that each region in India has its own distinct craft, "passed down through generations of artisans," which has helped preserve the authenticity and legacy of Indian handicrafts over the years.

12. What does the passage primarily highlight?

- (1) The economic impact of our handicrafts.
- (2) The diversity and richness of Indian handicrafts.
- (3) The use of handicrafts in the daily lives of Indians.
- (4) The role of Indian handicrafts in modern design.

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: The passage mainly focuses on showcasing the wide variety of handicrafts from different regions of India, emphasising their cultural richness, artistic value and traditional significance.

13. Match the proverbs in List-I with the proverbs opposite in meaning in List-II:

List - I (Proverbs)		List - II (Opposite Proverbs)	
(A)	Many hands make work light.	(I)	He who hesitates is lost.
(B)	Look before you leap.	(II)	Actions speak louder than words.
(C)	Out of sight, out of mind.	(III)	Too many cooks spoil the broth.
(D)	The pen is mightier than the sword.	(IV)	Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

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

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

Ans. Option (3) is Correct

Explanation: "Many hands make work light" means that teamwork makes tasks easier, while its opposite, "Too many cooks spoil the broth," suggests that too many people can create confusion. "Look before you leap" advises caution before acting, whereas "He who hesitates is lost" urges immediate action. "Out of sight, out of mind" implies forgetting what is not present, in contrast to "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," which means distance can strengthen affection. "The pen is mightier than the sword" values the power of words over violence, while "Actions speak louder than words" stresses that deeds are more impactful than speech.

14. Select the word similar in meaning to the given word: **Munificent**

- (1) Bountiful (2) Penurious
- (3) Salacious (4) Virtuous

Ans. Option (1) is Correct

Explanation: *Munificent* means very generous or liberal in giving, and *bountiful* closely matches this meaning as it also refers to generosity and abundance. In contrast, *penurious* means stingy or poor, *salacious* relates to indecency and *virtuous* refers to moral goodness—none of which conveys the idea of generosity.

15. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank in the given sentence:

The movie was so _____ that the audience gave it a standing ovation.

- (1) morose (2) ordinary
- (3) tiring (4) fascinating

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: The sentence suggests that the audience was highly impressed and gave the movie a standing ovation. The word *fascinating* fits best, as it means extremely interesting or captivating. The other options—*morose* (gloomy), *ordinary* (common), and *tiring* (exhausting)—do not match the positive tone of the sentence.

16. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.

The professor gave a _____ explanation, making even the most complex concepts easy to understand.

- (1) coherent
- (2) perplexing
- (3) vague
- (4) superficial

Ans. Option (1) is Correct

Explanation: The sentence describes a clear and easy-to-understand explanation. *Coherent* means logical and well-organised, which fits the context. *Perplexing* means confusing, *vague* means unclear, and *superficial* means lacking depth—all of which contradict the intended meaning.

17. Match the Idioms given in **List-I** with the Meanings given in **List-II**:

List - I (Idioms)		List - II (Meanings)	
(A)	Add fuel to the fire	(I)	To take credit for someone else's idea or work
(B)	Throw caution to the wind	(II)	To worsen an already bad situation
(C)	Kill two birds with one stone	(III)	To act without considering the risks
(D)	Steal someone's thunder	(IV)	To achieve two goals with one action

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

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

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: The idiom "Add fuel to the fire" means to make an already bad situation worse, which matches with (II). "Throw caution to the wind" refers to acting without thinking about the risks, aligning with (III). "Kill two birds with one stone" means achieving two goals with a single effort, which corresponds to (IV). Lastly, "Steal someone's thunder" means taking credit for someone else's idea or success, which fits with (I). Hence, the correct match is option 4.

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

- (A) patrons could enjoy solitude accompanied
- (B) cafe offered a tranquil escape where
- (C) by the aroma of freshly brewed coffee
- (D) in the midst of the bustling city a small

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

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

Ans. Option (1) is Correct

Explanation: The correct sentence is: "In the midst of the bustling city, a small cafe offered a tranquil escape where patrons could enjoy solitude accompanied by the aroma of freshly brewed coffee." This sequence creates a logical and grammatically correct sentence that flows naturally.

- 19.** Match the Phrasal Verbs given in **List-I** with their meanings given in **List-II**:

List - I (Phrasal Verbs)		List - II (Meanings)	
(A)	Put up with	(I)	To exhaust the supply of something.
(B)	Run out of	(II)	To escape blame or punishment for something.
(C)	Get away with	(III)	To consider somebody inferior to oneself.
(D)	Look down on	(IV)	To tolerate or endure something unpleasant.

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

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

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: The phrasal verb "put up with" means to tolerate or endure something unpleasant, which matches with (IV). "Run out of" means to exhaust the supply of something, matching with (I). "Get away with" refers to escaping blame or punishment for something, which aligns with (II). Finally, "look down on" means to consider someone inferior to oneself, corresponding to (III). Therefore, the correct matching of phrasal verbs with their meanings is given in option 2.

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

List - I (Words)		List - II (Meanings)	
(A)	Convivial	(I)	Emitting or reflecting light; bright and shining.
(B)	Indefatigable	(II)	Cheerful and friendly, fond of the company of other.
(C)	Luminous	(III)	Present, appearing, or found everywhere.
(D)	Ubiquitous	(IV)	Capable of continuing tirelessly and without effort.

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

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

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: The word "convivial" means cheerful and friendly, which matches with (II). "Indefatigable" refers to someone who is tireless and capable of continuing without effort, matching with (IV).

"Luminous" means emitting or reflecting light, aligning with (I). "Ubiquitous" means being present or found everywhere, which matches with (III).

- 21.** Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) in the sky the travellers hastened to find
 (B) that was bound to disrupt their journey
 (C) shelter, fearing a sudden downpour
 (D) as the storm clouds gathered ominously

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

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

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: The correct sentence is: "As the storm clouds gathered ominously, in the sky the travellers hastened to find shelter, fearing a sudden downpour that was bound to disrupt their journey." This sequence flows logically and maintains grammatical correctness, clearly describing the cause (storm clouds) and the travellers' reaction (seeking shelter).

- 22.** Match the figures of Speech given in **List-I** with their meanings given in **List-II**:

List - I (Figures of Speech)		List - II (Meanings)	
(A)	Irony	(I)	An expression that is gentler or less direct than the one normally used to refer to something unpleasant.
(B)	Pun	(II)	A seemingly absurd or self-contradictory statement that may in fact be true.
(C)	Paradox	(III)	The expression of meaning through the use of language signifying the opposite, in order to be amusing or give emphasis.
(D)	Euphemism	(IV)	The humorous use of a word that has two meanings: play on words.

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

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

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: Irony is a figure of speech where the intended meaning is opposite to the literal one,

often used for humour or emphasis, which matches with (III). *Pun* refers to the humorous use of a word that has two meanings or sounds similar to another word, fitting with (IV). *Paradox* is a statement that appears self-contradictory or absurd but may reveal an underlying truth, corresponding to (II). *Euphemism* is a softer or more polite way of saying something unpleasant or harsh, which matches with (I). Therefore, option 4 correctly pairs each figure of speech with its meaning.

- 23.** Select the word opposite in meaning to the given word: **Sagacious**

(1) Intelligent (2) Unwise
(3) Perspicacious (4) Expensive

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: Sagacious means wise or having good judgment, so the word unwise is its opposite as it means lacking wisdom or good sense. Intelligent and perspicacious are similar in meaning to sagacious, while expensive is unrelated.

- 24.** Choose the correct option to fill in the blank in the given sentence:

The committee was _____ about the decision and delayed announcing it.

(1) decisive (2) reticent
(3) firm (4) enthusiastic

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: The sentence suggests that the committee was hesitant or unwilling to speak openly about the decision, which caused a delay. *Reticent* means reserved or unwilling to share information, making it the best fit. The other options—*decisive*, *firm*, and *enthusiastic*—imply confidence or eagerness, which contradicts the context of delay.

- 25.** Select the word opposite in meaning to the given word: **Tenuous**.

(1) Strong (2) Delicate
(3) Feeble (4) Common

Ans. Option (1) is Correct

Explanation: *Tenuous* means weak, fragile, or lacking strength. The opposite of this is strong, which means firm, solid, or powerful. *Delicate* and *feeble* are similar to tenuous in meaning, while *common* is unrelated.

- 26.** Choose the correct word to fill in the blank in the given sentence:

In _____, I think I should have been more patient with my learning process.

(1) memory
(2) recollection
(3) retrospect
(4) reminiscence

Ans. Option (3) is Correct

Explanation: Retrospect means looking back on or reviewing past events, which fits the sentence structure and meaning. The phrase "In retrospect" is commonly used to reflect on something that has already happened, while memory, recollection, and reminiscence do not fit naturally in this context.

- 27.** Select the word similar in meaning to the given word: **Soporific**

(1) Inviolable (2) Wakeful
(3) Sophisticated (4) Somnolent

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: Soporific means causing sleep or drowsiness. Somnolent also means sleepy or drowsy, making it the closest in meaning. Inviolable means secure or sacred, wakeful means alert or not sleepy, and sophisticated means refined or complex, all of which are unrelated.

- 28.** Select the word similar in meaning to the given word: **Indolent**

(1) Lazy (2) Weak
(3) Sleepy (4) Indifferent

Ans. Option (1) is Correct

Explanation: Indolent means habitually lazy or avoiding activity or exertion. Lazy is the closest in meaning. Weak refers to a lack of strength, sleepy means feeling drowsy, and indifferent means lacking interest or concern, which are not accurate synonyms.

- 29.** Select the word opposite in meaning to the given word: **Altruistic**

(1) Compassionate (2) Constant
(3) Selfish (4) Intelligent

Ans. Option (3) is Correct

Explanation: Altruistic means selfless and concerned about the well-being of others. The opposite is selfish, which means being primarily concerned with one's own interests. The other options do not convey the opposite meaning.

- 30.** Fill in the blanks in the given sentences in **List-I** with the prepositions given in **List-II**:

List - I (Sentences)		List - II (Prepositions)	
(A)	The skilled artisans worked tirelessly, ensuring their craftsmanship was _____ expectations.	(I)	with
(B)	The cultural preservation efforts have been moving _____ a clear strategy to protect traditional art forms.	(II)	before

(C)	The young apprentice was _____ his mentor, carefully observing every technique.	(III)	along
(D)	The artisans placed tradition _____ profit, valuing cultural heritage above monetary gain.	(IV)	beyond

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

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

Ans. Option (3) is Correct

Explanation: In sentence A, the correct phrase is “beyond expectations,” meaning exceeding what was expected. In sentence B, “moving along a clear strategy” implies progressing steadily following a plan. Sentence C uses “with his mentor,” indicating the apprentice was together or in the company of the mentor. Sentence D uses “before profit,” suggesting that the artisans prioritised tradition over money.

- 31.** Select the word similar in meaning to the given word: **Recondite**

- (1) Faithless (2) Facile
 (3) Simple (4) Abstruse

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: Recondite means difficult to understand or obscure. Abstruse has a similar meaning, referring to something that is hard to comprehend or intellectually challenging. The other options—faithless, facile, and simple—do not convey this complexity.

- 32.** Choose the correct expression to fill in the blank in the given sentence:

Please don't let your feelings _____ you.

- (1) run away to (2) run away with
 (3) run away from (4) run away into

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: The correct expression is “run away with,” which means to be overwhelmed or controlled by something, especially emotions. The sentence “Please don't let your feelings run away with you” means not to let emotions take control or lead to irrational actions. The other options do not fit the intended meaning or structure.

- 33.** Select the correct synonym for the word: **Pernicious**

- (1) Salubrious
 (2) Wholesome
 (3) Deleterious
 (4) Advantageous

Ans. Option (3) is Correct

Explanation: Pernicious means harmful or damaging, often in a subtle or gradual way. Deleterious has a similar meaning, referring to something that causes harm. The other options—salubrious, wholesome and advantageous—are positive in nature and do not match the negative tone of pernicious.

- 34.** Choose the correct phrase from the given options to complete the given sentence:

By the time we reached the theatre, the movie _____.

- (1) will have started (2) had started
 (3) has started (4) is starting

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: The sentence refers to an action that was already completed before another action in the past. “Had started” is the correct past perfect tense to show that the movie began before ‘we’ reached the theatre. The other options do not fit this timeline correctly.

- 35.** Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) has the profound ability to evoke
 (B) while art is often considered a luxury it
 (C) transcending cultural and linguistic barriers
 (D) emotions and provoke thoughts

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

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

Ans. Option (3) is Correct

Explanation: The correct sentence is: “While art is often considered a luxury, it has the profound ability to evoke emotions and provoke thoughts, transcending cultural and linguistic barriers.” This sequence maintains grammatical correctness and logical flow, starting with the contrast between art and ending with its universal impact.

- 36.** Fill in the blanks in the given sentences in **List-I** with the verbs given in **List-II**:

List - I (Sentences)		List - II (Verbs)	
(A)	Without the _____ aid, my grandmother couldn't understand a word spoken to her.	(I)	dredging
(B)	Swarn enjoys _____ to classical music in her free time.	(II)	building

(C)	The approval for _____ the banks of the river before the monsoon has come.	(III)	hearing
(D)	The children area _____ a sandcastle on the beach with great enthusiasm.	(IV)	listening

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

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

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: In sentence A, "Without the hearing aid" is correct as it refers to a device that helps with hearing. Sentence B uses "listening to classical music," since we listen to music actively. Sentence C refers to "dredging the banks of the river," which means clearing out sediment—a common activity before the monsoon. Sentence D completes as "The children are building a sandcastle," which is the correct verb for creating a sand structure.

37. Select the word opposite in meaning to the given word: **Irascible**

- (1) Affordable (2) Irritable
 (3) Refutable (4) Amiable

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: Irascible means easily angered or short-tempered. The opposite of this is amiable, which describes someone who is friendly and pleasant in nature. The other options do not convey an opposite meaning—irritable is actually similar, while affordable and refutable are unrelated.

38. Match the proverbs in **List-I** with the meanings in **List-II**:

List - I (Sentences)		List - II (Verbs)	
(A)	An apple a day keeps the doctor away	(I)	Take advantage of opportunities.
(B)	When in Rome, do as the Romans do.	(II)	Other people's situations seem better than your own
(C)	Make hay while the sun shines.	(III)	Taking care of health prevents illness.
(D)	The grass is always greener on the other side.	(IV)	Adapt to local customs and practices.

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

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

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

Ans. Option (1) is Correct

Explanation: "An apple a day keeps the doctor away" means taking care of your health prevents illness, matching with taking care of health prevents illness (III). "When in Rome, do as the Romans do" suggests adapting to the customs of the place you are in, matching with adapting to local customs and practices (IV). "Make hay while the sun shines" means to take advantage of opportunities while they last, matching with take advantage of opportunities (I). "The grass is always greener on the other side" means people often think others have it better, matching with other people's situations seems better than your own (II).

39. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank in the given sentence:

The newly opened café became a popular _____ for artists and writers to gather and share ideas.

- (1) playground
 (2) hotspot
 (3) showcase
 (4) meeting

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: The word *hotspot* fits best in the sentence as it refers to a popular or trendy place where people often gather. Here, it highlights that the café became a favoured location for artists and writers. The other options—playground, showcase and meeting—do not convey the same idea of popularity or regular gathering.

40. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank in the given sentence:

If I _____ enough time tomorrow, I will finish the assignment.

- (1) had (2) will have
 (3) has (4) have

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: The correct sentence is: "If I have enough time tomorrow, I will finish the assignment." This is a first conditional sentence, used for real possibilities in the future. The structure is: If + present tense, will + base verb. So, "have" is the correct present-tense verb to use with "I."

41. Complete the sentences given in **List-I** with the appropriate words given in **List-II**:

List - I (Sentences)		List - II (Homonyms)	
(A)	For many people in remote areas, _____ water is still a pipe-dream.	(I)	portable
(B)	These days, most of the gadgets are so designed that they are sleek and _____.	(II)	potable

(C)	After the monsoon, the damp patches on the _____ bore marks of the heavy downpour.	(III)	ceiling
(D)	The _____ wax did wonders to save the packets from spilling open.	(IV)	sealing

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

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

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: In sentence (A), the word “potable” correctly refers to water that is safe to drink, which aligns with the idea that clean drinking water remains a distant dream for many. In (B), “portable” suits the description of gadgets that are sleek and easy to carry. Sentence (C) requires the word “ceiling” to describe where damp patches are typically found after a monsoon. Lastly, in (D), “sealing” wax is the correct term for a substance used to prevent packets from spilling open, making it the most suitable choice.

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

- (A) upon them unveiling a long-lost civilization
- (B) forest remained a mystery for centuries
- (C) the ancient ruins, hidden deep within the
- (D) until an archaeologist accidentally stumbled

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

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

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: The correct sequence forms the sentence: “The ancient ruins, hidden deep within the forest, remained a mystery for centuries until an archaeologist accidentally stumbled upon them, unveiling a long-lost civilization.” It starts by introducing the subject — the ancient ruins (C), then explains their mystery over time (B), followed by the event that led to their discovery (D), and finally concludes with the revelation of their significance (A).

43. Select the word opposite in meaning to the given word: **Nomad**

- (1) Traveller
- (2) Resident
- (3) Wanderer
- (4) Immigrant

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: A *nomad* is someone who moves from place to place without a permanent home. The opposite of this is a *resident*, who lives in a fixed place. While *traveller* and *wanderer* are similar to *nomad*, and *immigrant* refers to someone who moves but settles, only *resident* is truly the opposite.

44. Complete the sentences given in **List-I** with the appropriate adjectives given in **List-II**:

List - I (Sentences)		List - II (Adjectives)	
(A)	The _____ colours of the painting caught my attention.	(I)	delectable
(B)	The _____ lake was a perfect spot for a relaxing picnic.	(II)	intricate
(C)	The _____ design on the ancient monument was fascinating.	(III)	serene
(D)	The _____ smell of freshly baked cookies filled the entire house.	(IV)	vibrant

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

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

Ans. Option (1) is Correct

Explanation: The correct sequence forms the sentences: “The vibrant colours of the painting caught my attention,” “The serene lake was a perfect spot for a relaxing picnic,” “The intricate design on the ancient monument was fascinating,” and “The delectable smell of freshly baked cookies filled the entire house.”

45. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank in the given sentence:

Men who are always _____ about their poverty, never achieve success forget happiness.

- (1) rejoicing
- (2) fighting
- (3) grumbling
- (4) ignoring

Ans. Option (3) is Correct

Explanation: The word “grumbling” means to complain in a bad-tempered way. Men who are constantly complaining or grumbling about their poverty are preoccupied with their negative circumstances, which prevents them from taking action to achieve success or find happiness.

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

- (A) the team managed to reach the summit
- (B) inspiring countless others to follow their path
- (C) setting a new record in the process and
- (D) despite the challenges faced during the expedition

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

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

Ans. Option (1) is Correct

Explanation: The sentence logically begins with the challenge faced (D), followed by the team's achievement (A), the record they set (C), and finally the inspiration they provided (B). The correct sequence is: "Despite the challenges faced during the expedition, the team managed to reach the summit, setting a new record in the process and inspiring countless others to follow their path."

47. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank in the given sentence:

The students listened ____ to the teacher's instructions, ensuring that they understood every detail.

- (1) carelessly (2) lazily
- (3) attentively (4) abruptly

Ans. Option (3) is Correct

Explanation: The sentence states that the students listened to the instructions and "ensured that they understood every detail." This phrase implies that they were paying close attention. Therefore, the word "attentively," which means with close and careful attention, is the only word that fits the context of the sentence. The other options (carelessly, lazily, abruptly) suggest a lack of attention, which contradicts the second part of the sentence.

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

- (A) threat is now a pressing global issue requiring
- (B) climate change, once considered a distant
- (C) its devastating effects on the planet
- (D) immediate and collective action to mitigate

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

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

Ans. Option (3) is Correct

Explanation: The correct sequence forms the sentence: "Climate change, once considered a distant threat, is now a pressing global issue requiring immediate and

collective action to mitigate its devastating effects on the planet." It starts by introducing the subject, climate change and its past perception as a distant threat (B), then highlights its current status as a pressing global issue (A), followed by the required immediate and collective action (D), and finally concludes by stating the reason for that action (C).

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

- (A) the hearts of audiences across generations
- (B) gained worldwide acclaim after its adaptation
- (C) the novel which had been dismissed as unremarkable
- (D) into a blockbuster film that captured

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

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

Ans. Option (4) is Correct

Explanation: The correct sequence forms the sentence: "The novel, which had been dismissed as unremarkable, gained worldwide acclaim after its adaptation into a blockbuster film that captured the hearts of audiences across generations." It starts by introducing the subject, "the novel which had been dismissed as unremarkable" (C), then describes what it did, "gained worldwide acclaim after its adaptation" (B), followed by what it was adapted into, "a blockbuster film that captured" (D), and finally concludes with what was captured, "the hearts of audiences across generations" (A).

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

- (A) fisherman prepared to venture into the
- (B) an orange glow across the water the
- (C) sea ready for another night of hard work
- (D) as the sun set over the horizon casting

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

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

Ans. Option (2) is Correct

Explanation: The correct sequence forms the sentence: "As the sun set over the horizon, casting an orange glow across the water, the fisherman prepared to venture into the sea, ready for another night of hard work." It starts by setting the scene and time with a descriptive phrase about the sunset (D), followed by what the sunset was casting (B), then introduces the main subject and action, the fisherman preparing to venture (A), and finally concludes by stating where he was going and for what purpose (C).