

SAMPLE PROBLEMS

(ENGLISH)

Directions for questions 1 and 2: Choose the option which contains a pair of words related to each other in the same way as the pair given in capital letters.

1. POETRY : PROSE ::

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| (a) Stanza : Chapter | (b) Art : Fiction |
| (c) Clause : Sentence | (d) Novel : Variation |

2. LOYALTY : TRAITOR ::

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| (a) Truthfulness : Liar | (b) Hope : Optimist |
| (c) Diligence : Worker | (d) Understanding : Sage |

Directions for questions 3 and 4 : Each question has a sentence with one word underlined. Identify the meaning of the underlined word from among the five alternatives and mark its number as answer.

3. The students agitation was kept in abeyance by the police action

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| (a) Postponed | (b) Kept suspended |
| (c) Alleviated | (d) Invigorated |
| (e) Check | |

4. Her mental aberration accounts for this kind of work

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| (a) Deviation from normality | (b) Firmness |
| (c) Tight grip | (d) Alertness |
| (e) Inclination | |

Directions for questions 5 and 6 : In each of these questions each sentence has four underlined words or phrases marked A, B, C and D. Choose one word or phrase that must be changed for the sentence to be correct.

5. He was wearing shabby, (A) / faded trouser (B) / which he explained, were called jeans (C) / and cost (D) / a fortune.

6. The symptoms (A) / of diabetes in the (B) / early stages are too (C) / slight that people do not notice them (D).

Directions for question 7 : In this question a set of 3 or 4 sentences which convey an idea is given. Of these one of two is/are suppressed. To fill up the spaces of the suppressed sentence(s) two possible fillers as (A) and (B) are given. Find out which one, two or none can fill up the space of the suppressed sentence(s) to make the paragraph meaningful and mark your answer accordingly.

Caution :

While marking your answer please also consider the sequence if both the sentences are required to fill up the spaces.

7. The shoulder is the most abused joint in cricket and one would think that bowling causes most of these shoulder injuries. (_____) A fall on an outstretched arm can also result in serious shoulder injuries.

- A. Infact most spinners can rightly blame their bowling action for them.
- B. However, players like Courtney Walsh owe their busted shoulders to fielding rather than to bowling.

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| (a) A and B | (b) Only B |
| (c) B and A | (d) Only A |

Directions for question 8: Select the correct alternative from the given choices.

8. Statement :

Patna railway station, used by over 20 million passengers every year will be among the first 18 railway stations in India to be modernized to international standards earliest by 2020.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement?

- (a) International travellers use the Patna railway station.
- (b) Patna railway station cannot be modernized to international standards before 2020.
- (c) These 18 railway stations cannot be modernized before 2020.
- (d) There will be no railway station, apart from these 18 in India, which will be modernized to international standards.

Directions for questions 9 and 10 : Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow them.

The German poet-philosopher, Goethe, once said; “It is not doing the thing we have to do, but liking the thing we have to do that makes life blessed.”

All right for Goethe, but how many of us like doing the things we have to do? There are things that one just can’t avoid doing in order to live, eat and made both ends meet, as the cost of living and eating rises higher and higher, in short, to be known as a respectable member of society, honoured and obeyed by one’s wife and deserving of a glowing funeral ovation from one’s friends.

My own intense dislike of things that I had to do began at an early age. I had barely changed from shorts to long pants when I was told by my parents that to grow up as a gentleman I must observe certain rules among which were the following. Always stand up when a lady, even your mother or grandmother, enters the room. Out of inborn respect, I did not mind doing this for them, but I resented having to jump whenever an old frump, whom for some inexplicable reason I was expected to address as “aunty”, visited our home.

Always beg the pardon of the company assembled at the dining table if you belch, having consumed more of the dessert than was good for you. Seeing nothing wrong in a perfectly natural reflex action. I look to suppressing my belches and, by the time I was 15, I could have given lessons in breath control to a yogi.

Always finish the day’s homework given to you by your teacher before going to bed. This injunction followed me in later life, having been passed on by my mother to my wife. It became my duty to see that the children did their lessons before going to sleep. The result was that my dreams were filled with weird algebraic symbols.

With all due respect to Goethe, I should like to say that a great deal of satisfaction can be obtained in life by liking things one does not have to do.

For instance, I do not have to leave my flat at 6.20 a.m. to drive my grandson to his school bus-stop on the main road, half a kilometre from where I live. It would do him a lot of good to walk the short distance but I take the opportunity to stop at the block park, on the way back, get out of my car, sit on a bench and swallow lungfuls of air, unmixed at that early hour with exhaust fumes. I am then duly fortified to open the morning papers and read their grim headlines.

And, I am not obliged to remain on friendly terms with some people who, five or ten years ago, were as poor as I am but, since then, have grown fabulously rich, owning houses in different names and changing their air-conditioned, stereo-fitted cars every year. But I like to meet them occasionally, not only for the sumptuous food and drink they provide but also to hear them talk of the number of VIPs with whom they are on intimate terms. They are not in the same class as Harshad Mehta, or anywhere near him, but they make me laugh, especially when they belch and don't say "sorry".

9. From the passage it can be inferred that

- I. the author has read some of the works of Goethe.
- II. the author does not agree with Goethe on the pleasures of life.
- III. the author is a student of yoga.

- (a) Only II
- (b) I and II
- (c) II and III
- (d) I, II and III

10. As a child, the number of basic rules the author was required to follow (were)

- (a) three
- (b) four
- (c) five
- (d) cannot be inferred from the passage.

ANSWERS

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| 1. (a) | 2. (a) | 3. (d) | 4. (a) | 5. (b) |
| 6. (c) | 7. (a) | 8. (a) | 9. (a) | 10. (d) |