

English Test – 3&5

In the following question, a passage has been given and followed by several questions. You are required to answer the questions based on the information provided in the passage.

To live a long and healthy life, eat fish and vegetables. Don't smoke or snack. Get your full eight hours of sleep. And, above all, make friends. Because, it turns out, people's social connections — the density of their network, the nature and strength of these relationships — are the key to longevity. This is the conclusion arrived at by a new book on the subject, *The Laws of Connection* by David Robson, which puts together the growing scientific evidence for why community is one of the top indicators for human health and wellbeing, and holds loneliness responsible for a range of ailments from depression to heart disease.

Intuitively, most people would agree with these findings. There is nothing quite like the heartache of being friendless, of being, as Olivia Laing, author of *The Lonely City*, put it, "... hungry when everyone around you is readying for a feast." It can be physically and mentally **debilitating**, especially among vulnerable populations like persons with disabilities and the elderly. This is why governments and institutions around the world are rushing to address a problem that seems to have acquired epidemic proportions — from the WHO Commission on Social Connection, which was set up late last year, to the ministries of loneliness established by the UK and Japan in recent years.

In the digital age, as more people choose to work from home, have food and other essentials delivered to their doorstep and even access services like banking and healthcare through gadgets, it is all too easy to become unmoored from one's community. This is where the root of the trouble lies, because the way humans live now — **atomized** and connected primarily through technology, instead of conversations and shared experiences — is so much at odds with how humans have evolved to live — in communities. Reconciling the two would require a new imagination of what it means to be human and be connected.

Q1 What is the main conclusion of David Robson's book, *The Laws of Connection*?

1. Eating fish and vegetables is key to longevity.
2. Social connections are crucial for longevity.
3. Exercise is the most important factor for a healthy life.
4. Technology improves human relationships.
5. None of these

Q2 Why might vulnerable populations like persons with disabilities and the elderly be more affected by loneliness?

1. They have more social opportunities.
2. They are more likely to live in urban areas.
3. They have fewer opportunities for social interactions.
4. They are financially unstable.
5. None of these

Q3 What can be inferred about the impact of the digital age on social connections?

1. It strengthens community bonds.
2. It increases face-to-face interactions.
3. It has no effect on social connections.
4. It isolates individuals from their communities.
5. None of these

Q4 What is a synonym for "atomized" as used in the passage?

1. United
2. Enlarged
3. Strengthened
4. Fragmented
5. None of these

Q5 What is the antonym of "debilitating" as used in the passage?

1. Strengthening
2. Weakening
3. Continuing
4. Analyzing
5. None of these

Q6 What role does technology play in modern social connections according to the passage?

1. It enhances community bonds.
2. It primarily facilitates work from home.
3. It disconnects people from face-to-face interactions.
4. It promotes more physical activities.
5. None of these

Q7 How do current human living conditions differ from how humans have evolved to live?

1. Humans have evolved to live in isolation.
2. Humans have evolved to live in large, technology-driven societies.
3. Humans have evolved to live in interconnected communities.
4. Humans have evolved to live sedentary lifestyles.
5. None of these

Q8 What might be a long-term consequence if the trend of loneliness continues?

1. Increased global population
2. Decrease in technology use
3. Improved social policies
4. Higher rates of mental and physical health issues
5. None of these

Q9 Why might governments establish ministries of loneliness?

1. To reduce healthcare costs
2. To promote technological advancements
3. To address the social and health impacts of loneliness
4. To increase economic productivity
5. None of these

Q10 Based on the passage, what measures could be taken to improve social connections in the digital age?

1. Reducing the use of technology
2. Encouraging face-to-face community activities
3. Increasing the number of online interactions
4. Promoting work-from-home policies
5. None of these

Select the most appropriate words that are both grammatically and contextually correct to fill in the blanks.

Q11. In order to enhance economic resilience, the government is not only implementing _____ fiscal policies but also establishing _____ support systems for small businesses.

1. snoop, unveiled
2. confabulate, Abeyance
3. intransigence, abrogation
4. stringent, comprehensive
5. None of these

Q12. In an effort to drive technological innovation, the government is not only providing _____ funding for research and development but also creating _____ ecosystems that encourage startup growth.

1. paltry, imperative
2. substantial, nurturing
3. negligible, restrictive
4. scant, arbitrary
5. None of these

Q13. In a bid to rejuvenate the ailing economy, the government is unveiling _____ fiscal measures and implementing _____ regulatory reforms.

1. extensive, transformative
2. superficial, prognostication
3. negligible, willy-nilly
4. cursory, optimism
5. None of these

Q14. To advance the field of artificial intelligence, the government is allocating _____ resources for research and development and facilitating _____ industry-academia collaborations.

1.fraught, wane 2.significant, robust 3.evoked, jockeying

4.alchemy, incidental 5.None of these

Q15.To ensure sustainable agricultural practices, the government is promoting _____ farming techniques and offering _____ subsidies to farmers who adopt eco-friendly methods.

1.obsolete, nominal 2.conventional, sporadic 3.advanced, substantial

4.rudimentary, halted 5.None of these

Select the connector from the given three options which can be used to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same as expressed in the statement.

Q16.I. The teacher explained the concept thoroughly.

II. Some students still had questions.

1. while 2. yet 3. because

1.Only 1 2.Only 2 3.Only 3 4.Both 1 and 2 5.None of these

Q17.I. The weather forecast predicted heavy snow.

II. The event was postponed to ensure everyone's safety.

1. although 2. therefore 3. despite

1.Only 1 2.Only 2 3.Only 3 4.Both 1 and 2 5.None of these

Q18.I. He practiced every day for the competition.

II. He didn't win any medals.

1. even though 2. because 3. so

1.Only 1 2.Only 2 3.Only 3 4.Both 1 and 3 5.None of these

Q19.I. The project was complex and required significant resources.

II. It was completed ahead of schedule.

1. but 2. and 3. while

1.Only 1 2.Only 2 3.Only 3 4.Both 1 and 2 5.None of these

Q20.I. The new software was implemented to improve efficiency.

II. Employees found it challenging to adapt to the new system.

1. however 2. because 3. in spite of

1.Only 1 2.Only 2 3.Only 3 4.Both 1 and 3 5.None of these

Identify the incorrect sentence (if any).

21. ?

1.The neuroscientist's research on brain plasticity revealed how experience reshapes neural connections, offering hope for brain injury rehabilitation.

2.The archaeologist unearthed artifacts that provided invaluable insights into the daily lives and cultural rituals of ancient inhabitants.

3.The environmental scientist's climate model predicted significant weather shifts, prompting urgent calls for climate change mitigation.

4.The literary critic's analysis of the author's oeuvre highlighted themes of existential angst and social alienation, shedding new light on her works.

5.All are correct

22. ?

The marine biologist documented the effects of ocean acidification on coral reefs, emphasizing the need for conservation efforts.

The sociologist's study on urban migration patterns showed how economical disparities influence population movements, aiding urban planning.

The physicist's innovative approach to quantum computing promises unprecedented computational power for solving complex problems.

The linguist's analysis of endangered languages uncovered unique syntactic structures, stressing the importance of linguistic diversity.

All are correct

23. ?

1.The political analyst's report on voter behavior offered a detailed forecast of upcoming elections, helping political parties strategize.

2.The artist's retrospective exhibition showcased diverse media and styles, providing an overview of her evolving creative vision over decades.

3.The biochemist's research on enzyme catalysis revealed new mechanisms that could revolutionize drug development and industrial processes.

4.The historian's analysis of medieval manuscripts uncovered hidden narratives that reshaped our understanding of the era's socio-political landscape.

5.All are correct

24. ?

1.The urban planner's innovative designs incorporated green spaces and sustainable materials, creating eco-friendly living environments.

2.The geneticist's work on CRISPR technology opened new possibilities for gene editing, promising treatments for genetic disorders.

3.The climatologist's study on polar ice melt provided alarming data on arising sea levels, urging immediate global environmental action.

4.The economist's model accurately predicted market fluctuations, helping investors and policymakers make informed financial decisions.

5.All are correct

25. ?

1.The anthropologist's fieldwork in indigenous communities revealed rich cultural practices, emphasizing the value of cultural preservation.

2.The philosopher's essay on moral relativism challenged conventional ethics, sparking lively academic debate and discussion.

3.The ecologist's research on deforestation highlighted its devastating impact on biodiversity, calling for urgent conservation measures.

4.The engineer's advancements in renewable energy technologies promised to reduce carbon emissions and combat climate change.

5.All are correct

Given below each statement should be placed in the blank space provided so as to make a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence. If none of the sentence is appropriate mark E as the answer.

26.The expansive museum was a treasure trove of art and history, with exhibits ranging from ancient artifacts to modern masterpieces. As I wandered through the vast halls, absorbing the wealth of knowledge and culture, I felt a sense of _____.

1.gratitude for the opportunity to connect with the past and the wisdom it offered.

2.nostalgia for the times when museums had sparked my early curiosity and passion for learning.

3.introspection, pondering the stories behind each exhibit and the lives they represented.

4.wonder at the breadth and depth of human creativity and achievement on display.

5.None of these

27.The snowy landscape stretched out before me, a pristine white canvas under the clear blue sky. As I stood at the edge of the frozen lake, the crisp air filling my lungs, I felt a sense of _____.

1.tranquility, as the peacefulness of the scene enveloped me in a blanket of calm.

2.exhilaration, eager to venture out into the winter wonderland and explore its beauty.

3.nostalgia for winters past, recalling memories of playing in the snow and cozying up by the fire.

4.awe at the raw, untouched beauty of nature in its most serene form.

5.None of these

Q28.The coastal town was a charming blend of old-world architecture and modern amenities, with narrow streets winding down to the bustling harbor. As I strolled along the waterfront, the salty breeze ruffling my hair, I felt a sense of _____.

1.adventure, eager to explore the town's hidden gems and discover its rich history.

2.nostalgia for seaside holidays spent exploring similar towns and enjoying their unique charm.

3.serenity, soothed by the rhythmic sounds of the waves and the gentle hum of the harbor.

4.connection, feeling a deep bond with the sea and the stories it held.

5.None of these

Q29.The old theater was a relic of a bygone era, its grand facade and ornate interiors evoking memories of glamorous nights at the opera. As I took my seat in the dimly lit auditorium, the rich velvet seats and opulent chandeliers above filling me with a sense of _____.

1.nostalgia for a time when theater was a central part of social and cultural life.

2.awe at the grandeur and craftsmanship of the building, a testament to artistic excellence.

3.anticipation, eager for the curtain to rise and the magic of the performance to begin.

4.reverence for the history and tradition that had been preserved within these walls.

5.None of these

Q30.The dense forest was alive with the sounds of chirping birds and rustling leaves, the dappled sunlight creating a mosaic of light and shadow on the forest floor. As I ventured deeper into the woods, the air rich with the scent of pine and earth, I felt a sense of _____.

1.adventure, eager to uncover the hidden secrets and trails of the ancient forest.

2.wonder at the intricate ecosystem thriving in this untouched sanctuary.

3.serenity, the peaceful ambiance offering a respite from the chaos of modern life.

4.nostalgia for childhood days spent exploring similar woodlands and discovering their wonders.

5.None of these

In each question below, words have been highlighted. These words used might be correct or may be inappropriate in usage. You must read the given sentences carefully and choose the option with the incorrect used

word as your answer. If all words are used correctly, choose Option E as your answer.

Q31.A. The lawyer's **argument** was compelling, presenting a well-structured case that left the jury with little doubt.

B. The director's latest film was a **depiction** of life in the 19th century, meticulously recreating historical details.

C. The botanist's study focused on the effects of climate change on plant biodiversity in the **arctic** regions.

D. The artist's latest exhibit showcased a **prolific** range of paintings, each capturing a different aspect of urban life.

E. All are correct.

1.A 2.B 3.C 4.D 5.E

Q32.A. The scientist's **findings** were published in a reputable journal, sparking a new wave of research in the field.

B. The teacher's **pedagogical** approach emphasized hands-on learning and real-world applications.

C. The author's **prose** was characterized by its clarity and conciseness, making the complex topics accessible to readers.

D. The athlete's rigorous training regimen was designed to improve both strength and **agility**.

E. All are correct.

1.A 2.B 3.C 4.D 5.E

Q33.A. The engineer's blueprints provided a detailed **layout** of the new building, ensuring that all aspects of the design were clearly understood.

B. The professor's lecture was filled with **esoteric** references that were difficult for the students to comprehend.

C. The entrepreneur launched a series of **innovative** startups that disrupted traditional industries.

D. The therapist's approach was **holistic**, taking into account the patient's physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

E. All are correct.

1.A 2.B 3.C 4.D 5.E

Q34.A. The chef's **repertoire** included a wide variety of dishes from different cuisines around the world.

B. The scientist's **hypothesis** was that the anomaly was due to a rare genetic mutation.

C. The negotiator was praised for her **diplomacy** and ability to mediate conflicts effectively.

D. The musician's performance was marked by a **surfeit** of passion and a lack of technical skill.

E. All are correct.

1.A 2.B 3.C 4.D 5.E

Q35.A. The philosopher's treatise on ethics challenged conventional **wisdom** and offered a new perspective on morality.

B. The company's **initiative** aimed to reduce carbon emissions by implementing more sustainable practices.

C. The architect's vision included incorporating **aesthetic** elements that harmonized with the natural landscape.

D. The **symposium** provided a platform for experts to share their respective research and findings.

E. All are correct.

1.A 2.B 3.C 4.D 5.E

7 In the given question, two parts of the sentences are printed in bold. Below the sentence alternatives to the bold parts are given at (A), (B), (C), and (D) which may help improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. If the sentence is correct, choose option (E) which is “No correction required” as your answer.

Q36.The neuroscientist's pioneering studies on brain plasticity **has revealed how neural** connections are reshaped by experience and learning, offering new hope for rehabilitation **in cases of brain** injury and neurodegenerative diseases.

1.have revealed what neural, cases of brain 2.have revealed how neural, in cases for brain 3.has revealed how neural, in cases in brain 4.have revealed how neural, in cases of brain 5.No correction required

Q37.The archaeologist's meticulous **excavating of the ancient city** unearthed a wealth of artifacts, providing invaluable insights **into the daily lives**, trade practices, and cultural rituals of its long-lost inhabitants.

1.excavation in the ancient city, into the daily life 2.excavation of the ancient city, into the daily lives 3.excavation for the ancient city, with the daily lives 4.excavating of the ancient city, into the deadly lives 5.No correction required

Q38.The environmental scientist's comprehensive climate model, which integrates vast amounts of meteorological data, **having predicted significant** shifts in weather patterns, prompting urgent calls **for global action on** climate change mitigation.

1.have predicted significant, global action on 2.has predicted significantly, for global action in 3.has predicted significant, for global action on 4.have predicted significantly, for global action on 5.No correction required

Q39.The literary critic's in-depth analysis of the **author's oeuvre revealed** recurring themes of existential angst and social alienation, **shedding new light on** the psychological underpinnings of her most acclaimed works.

1.author's oeuvre reveal, shedding new light on 2.author's oeuvre revealed, shedding new light 3.author's oeuvre revealed, shedding newly light on 4.authors' oeuvre revealed, shed new light on 5.No correction required

Q40.The marine biologist's research on coral reef ecosystems **has documented the affects** of ocean acidification and rising sea temperatures, highlighting the need for international **efforts to protect this** fragile marine habitats.

1.has documented the effects, efforts to protect these 2.has documented the affects, efforts to protect these 3.has documented the effects, forts to protect these 4.have documented the effects, efforts to protect this 5.No correction required

Lost and found: On the 2026 Assembly elections

The National Democratic Alliance's success in Bengal and Assam is partly offset by its failure in Tamil Nadu and Kerala

The results of the 2026 Assembly elections in Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry highlight several factors that have a bearing on

India's direction as a secular, democratic, federal republic. In Assam and Puducherry, the BJP and its partners retained power, while in the other three States, incumbents were swept away in a strong current of changed popular opinion. In Assam, for the first time, the BJP crossed the halfway mark of 64 seats on its own and, with its partners, won 101 seats in the 126-member Assembly. For the Congress, this is its worst performance — even lower than its 1985 tally in the aftermath of the Assam Agitation. The regional outfits that were part of the Congress-led alliance, including the Rajior Dal and Assam Jatiya Parishad, were routed, while those within the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) — chiefly the Asom Gana Parishad and the Bodoland People's Front — managed to win a few seats, though they now have little clout given the BJP's outright majority. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has reinforced his position in the State through a mix of polarising communal rhetoric and redistribution schemes. Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi lost his own seat.

In West Bengal, the BJP has achieved a decisive victory through long-term planning, aided by the State's political history, a tainted election process, and the exhaustion of the Trinamool Congress (TMC)'s politics that had run its course. Bengal has been home to India's national movement and to Hindutva ideas long before they spread elsewhere, and has carried a strong sense of regional identity. The BJP, through years of meticulous organisation, converted a threshold population of the State to its totalising nationalist narrative. Having subsumed the regional politics of Maharashtra, Assam and Odisha, it had set its sights on West Bengal with obsessive determination, and has won. The TMC faces existential danger, with its founder-leader Mamata Banerjee at 71 and its cadre and voters now susceptible to pressure from the BJP. This election was also the most tainted in India's elections: around 27 lakh people were arbitrarily removed from the electoral rolls, and the Supreme Court of India took an unhelpful view of that grave assault on the fundamentals of democracy. If that is the sign of things to come, it is cause for serious concern.

In Tamil Nadu, the political start-up, the TVK, led by actor C. Joseph Vijay has made a stunning debut. Mr. Vijay is set to become the first Chief Minister not from either of the two principal Dravidian parties since the DMK first captured power in the State — a historic rupture in Tamil politics. While his popularity is now established, his acumen in navigating the complexities of governance and managing the relationship with the BJP and the Centre will be tested from day one. Though the differences in vote share among the formations — the DMK-led alliance, the AIADMK-led alliance, and TVK contesting alone — were not large, a three-cornered contest and the first past the post mechanism delivered an outsized advantage to the TVK. The DMK's votes were more evenly spread across the State, while the TVK and AIADMK had theirs concentrated in pockets of influence, yielding far better vote-to-seat conversion. Mr. Vijay had the advantage of novelty, and the electorate proved open to a new experiment.

Ans Key

Solution

1. Answer: B

The passage states that the book concludes that people's social connections are the key to longevity.

Solution

2. Answer: C

The passage implies that loneliness can be physically and mentally debilitating, especially for vulnerable populations who likely have fewer opportunities for social interactions.

Solution

3. Answer: D

The passage suggests that the digital age has led to people becoming unmoored from their communities, indicating increased isolation.

Solution

4. Answer: D

"Atomized" in this context means broken into smaller, isolated parts, which is similar to "fragmented."

Solution

5. Answer: A

"Debilitating" means causing weakness or impairment, so the opposite would be "strengthening."

Solution

6. Answer: C

The passage highlights that reliance on technology leads to a disconnection from community interactions.

Solution

7. Answer: C

The passage contrasts the current technology-driven, isolated lifestyle with humans' evolutionary development to live in communities.

Solution

8. Answer: D

The passage links loneliness to ailments such as depression and heart disease, suggesting continued loneliness could exacerbate health issues.

Solution

9. Answer: C

The passage indicates that addressing loneliness is crucial due to its negative impact on health and wellbeing.

Solution

10. Answer: A

The passage suggests that the lack of face-to-face interactions is a significant issue, so promoting community activities could help improve social connections.

Solution

11. Answer: D

Snoop: investigate

Intransigence: refused to change

Abrogation: cancel

Confabulate: engage in conversation

Abeyance: suspension

Unveiled: disclose

In order to enhance economic resilience, the government is not only implementing "stringent" fiscal policies but also establishing "comprehensive" support systems for small businesses. Stringent fiscal policies are strict and designed to ensure financial stability, while

comprehensive support systems provide thorough assistance to help small businesses thrive.

Solution

12. Answer: B

Scant: meager, very little

Paltry: inferior, trivial

In an effort to drive technological innovation, the government is not only providing "substantial" funding for research and development but also creating "nurturing" ecosystems that encourage startup growth. Substantial funding offers significant financial support, while nurturing ecosystems provide a supportive and conducive environment for startups to thrive.

Solution

13. Answer: A

Optimism: hopefulness

Prognostication: forecast

Willy-nilly: at random

In a bid to rejuvenate the ailing economy, the government is unveiling "extensive" fiscal measures and implementing "transformative" regulatory reforms. Extensive fiscal measures are wide-ranging and comprehensive, while transformative regulatory reforms bring significant and positive changes to economic regulations.

Solution

14. Answer: B

Fraught: risk of dangers

Wane: become weaker in strength

Evoked: make someone remember

Jockeying: compete

Alchemy: chemistry in ancient times

To advance the field of artificial intelligence, the government is allocating "significant" resources for research and development and facilitating "robust" industry-academia collaborations. Significant resources provide substantial support for AI development, while robust collaborations are strong and effective, fostering innovation through close cooperation between industry and academia

Solution

15. Answer: C

To ensure sustainable agricultural practices, the government is promoting "advanced" farming techniques and offering "substantial" subsidies to farmers who adopt eco-friendly methods. Advanced farming techniques use modern, efficient methods to improve productivity and sustainability, while substantial subsidies provide significant financial support to encourage eco-friendly practices.

Solution

16. Answer: B

The correct connector here is "yet," which indicates a contrast between the thorough explanation and the remaining questions. The combined sentence would be: "The teacher explained the concept thoroughly, yet some students still had questions."

"While" indicates two actions happening at the same time, which doesn't fit here. "Yet" shows a contrast, making it the appropriate choice. "Because" indicates a reason, which doesn't convey the intended meaning here.

Solution

17. Answer: B

The correct connector here is "therefore," which indicates a result or consequence of the heavy snow forecast. The combined sentence would be: "The weather forecast predicted heavy snow; therefore, the event was postponed to ensure everyone's safety."

"Although" indicates a contrast, which doesn't fit here. "Therefore" is the correct choice as it shows the consequence of the forecast. "Despite" indicates a contrast, which doesn't convey the intended meaning.

Solution

18. Answer: A

The correct connector here is "even though," which shows a contrast between his daily practice and the outcome of not winning any medals. The combined sentence would be: "He practiced every day for the competition, even though he didn't win any medals."

"Even though" is the correct choice as it shows the contrast. "Because" indicates a reason, which doesn't fit here. "So" indicates a result or consequence, which doesn't convey the intended contrast.

Solution

19. Answer: A

The correct connector here is "but," which shows contrast in this context. "But" indicates a contrast between the complexity and resource requirements of the project and its early completion. The combined sentence would be: "The project was complex and required significant resources, but it was completed ahead of schedule." "And" and "While" do not fit here.

Solution

20. Answer: A

The correct connector here is "however," which indicates a contrast between the purpose of the new software and the employees' challenges. The combined sentence would be: "The new software was implemented to improve efficiency; however, employees found it challenging to adapt to the new system."

"However," shows a contrast, making it the appropriate choice. "Because" indicates a reason, which does not convey the intended contrast. "In spite of" suggests overcoming a challenge but doesn't fit smoothly into the sentence structure.

Solution

21. Answer: C

The word "wheather" is misspelled. The correct spelling is "weather."

The corrected sentence is:

The environmental scientist's climate model predicted significant weather shifts, prompting urgent calls for climate change mitigation

Solution

22. Answer: B

The word "economical" should be "economic" in this context. "Economical" refers to being efficient or not wasteful, while "economic" pertains to the economy or finances.

The corrected sentence is:

The sociologist's study on urban migration patterns showed how economic disparities influence population movements, aiding urban planning.

Solution

23. Answer: E

All the sentences provided are correct.

Solution

24. Answer: C

The word "arising" should be "rising" in this context. "Arising" refers to something coming into being or starting, while "rising" refers to something increasing in level or amount.

Solution

25. Answer: B

The philosopher's **essay** on moral relativism challenged conventional ethics, sparking lively academic debate and discussion.

Solution

26. Answer: D

The correct answer is (d) wonder at the breadth and depth of human creativity and achievement on display. This option captures the awe-inspiring experience of exploring a museum and appreciating the diverse array of exhibits that showcase human ingenuity.

Solution

27. Answer: D

The correct answer is (d) awe at the raw, untouched beauty of nature in its most serene form. This option captures the breathtaking and unspoiled beauty of the snowy landscape, evoking a deep appreciation for the natural world.

Solution

28. Answer: C

The correct answer is (c) serenity, soothed by the rhythmic sounds of the waves and the gentle hum of the harbor. This option captures the calming and peaceful atmosphere of the coastal town, emphasizing the soothing effect of the waterfront setting.

Solution

29. Answer: A

The correct answer is (a) nostalgia for a time when theater was a central part of social and cultural life. This option captures the sentimental longing for the days when attending the theater was a prominent and cherished cultural activity, fitting the evocative atmosphere of the old theater.

Solution

30. Answer: B

The correct answer is (B) wonder at the intricate ecosystem thriving in this untouched sanctuary. This option captures the narrator's amazement and appreciation for the complex and vibrant life within the forest, emphasizing the awe-inspiring beauty of the natural environment.

Solution

31. Answer: D

The word "prolific" means producing much fruit, foliage, or many offspring, or present in large numbers or quantities. Although "prolific" can refer to an artist producing many works, it does not fit the context of describing a "range of paintings." A more appropriate word would be "diverse" to indicate a variety of styles or themes. The other options are correct: "Argument" refers to a reason or set of reasons given in support of an idea, action, or theory. "Depiction" refers to the action of depicting something, especially in art.

"Prolific" means producing a lot of work, which is not quite right in the context of describing a range of paintings.

"Arctic" refers to the polar region located at the northernmost part of Earth.

Solution

32. Answer: E

Each highlighted word fits appropriately within its context:

"Findings" refers to the results or conclusions reached after investigation or research.

"Pedagogical" refers to the methods and practices of teaching.

"Prose" refers to written or spoken language in its ordinary form, without metrical structure.

"Agility" refers to the ability to move quickly and easily.

Solution

33. Answer: E

Each highlighted word fits appropriately within its context:

"Layout" refers to the way in which the parts of something are arranged or laid out.

"Esoteric" refers to something that is intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest.

"Innovative" refers to introducing new ideas or methods.

"Holistic" refers to treating the whole person, taking into account mental and social factors, rather than just the symptoms of a disease.

Solution

34. Answer: D

The word "surfeit" means an excessive amount of something. While it can mean an overabundance, it is typically used in a negative context implying too much of something to

the point of excess. A better word here would be "abundance," which indicates plenty of passion without the negative connotation of excess. The other options are correct:

"Repertoire" refers to a stock of plays, dances, or pieces that a company or a performer knows or is prepared to perform.

"Hypothesis" refers to a proposed explanation made on the basis of limited evidence as a starting point for further investigation.

"Diplomacy" refers to the profession, activity, or skill of managing international relations.

Solution

35. Answer: E

Each highlighted word fits appropriately within its context:

"Wisdom" refers to the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment.

"Initiative" refers to a plan or program intended to solve a problem.

"Aesthetic" refers to concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty.

"Symposium" refers to a conference or meeting to discuss a particular subject.

Solution

36. Answer: D

The neuroscientist's pioneering studies on brain plasticity **have revealed how neural** connections are reshaped by experience and learning, offering new hope for rehabilitation **in cases of brain** injury and neurodegenerative diseases.

Solution

37. Answer: B

The archaeologist's meticulous **excavation of the ancient city** unearthed a wealth of artifacts, providing invaluable insights **into the daily lives**, trade practices, and cultural rituals of its long-lost inhabitants.

Solution

38. Answer: C

The environmental scientist's comprehensive climate model, which integrates vast amounts of meteorological data, **has predicted significant** shifts in weather patterns, prompting urgent calls **for global action on** climate change mitigation.

Solution

39. Answer: E

The literary critic's in-depth analysis of the **author's oeuvre revealed** recurring themes of existential angst and social alienation, **shedding new light on** the psychological underpinnings of her most acclaimed works.

Solution

40. Answer: A

The marine biologist's research on coral reef ecosystems **has documented the effects** of ocean acidification and rising sea temperatures, highlighting the need for international **efforts to protect these** fragile marine habitats.