

{ENGLISH TEST 7}

Directions [Set of 8 Questions]: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

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My cousin John Reed was a schoolboy of fourteen years old; four years older than I, and large for his age. He gorged himself habitually at table, which made him fat. He ought now to have been at school; but his mama had taken him home for a month or two, "on account of his delicate health." Mr. Miles, the master, said that he would do very well if he had fewer cakes and sweetmeats sent him from home; but the mother's heart turned from an opinion so harsh, and inclined rather to the more refined idea that John's poor health was due to homesickness.

John had not much love for his mother and sisters, and a hatred for me. He bullied and punished me; not two or three times in the week, but continually. There were moments when I was bewildered by the terror he inspired. The servants did not like to **offend** their young master by taking my part against him, and Mrs. Reed was blind and deaf on the subject. She never saw him strike or heard him abuse me, though he did both in her very presence, more frequently, however, behind her back.

Habitually obedient to John, I came up to his chair: he spent some three minutes in thrusting out his tongue at me as far as he could without damaging the roots: I knew he would soon strike, and while dreading the blow, I mused on the disgusting and **ugly** appearance of him who would presently deal it. I wonder if he read that notion in my face; for, all at once, without speaking, he struck suddenly and strongly.

Q1. Why was the author glad that the weather was unfavourable for a walk?

- A. She was not feeling well and wanted to stay indoors.
- B. Going for a walk would mean she would have to do errands, which she hated.

C. She did not like long walks on chilly afternoons.

D. She did not want to go out with her cousins.

E. None of the above

Q2. What kind of a book did the author choose to read?

A. A thick book about magic or adventure

B. A book on history

C. A book that was written by her father

D. A book with lots of pictures

E. A book full of children's stories

Q3. What advice had Mr. Miles given Mrs. Reed to improve her son's health?

A. To send him fewer cakes and sweetmeats

B. To make sure he gets exercise

C. To teach him to bathe daily

D. To homeschool him for a few months

E. To make sure he eats enough

Q4. How did Mrs. Reed respond when her son bullied the author?

A. She took no notice of him.

B. She punished him until he apologised.

C. She scolded him but never strictly.

D. She sent him to bed without food.

E. She encouraged him to bully the author more.

Q5. What were the author's cousins doing while she read a book in the breakfast-room?

A. Taking a nap

B. Playing outside with each other

C. Reading a letter from their father along with their mother

D. Sitting with their mother in the drawing room

E. Finishing their schoolwork

Q6. Mrs. Reed believed that the cause of her son's poor health was:

A. Homesickness

B. Unhealthy food in school

C. Too little exercise

D. Unhygienic living quarters in school

E. More than one option is correct

Q7. Which of the following is closest in meaning to OFFEND as used in the passage?

A. insult

B. deter

C. force

D. make

E. pick

Q8. Which of the following is opposite in meaning to UGLY as used in the passage?

A. clever

B. dumb

C. costly

D. quick

E. beautiful

In the following question, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the

appropriate option. If the sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.

Q9. The old woman fumbled (A)/ in her pocket for her (B)/ keys, and disappeared (C)/ behind the curtain. (D)/ No error (E)

A.A B.B C.C D.D E.E

Q10. He was in no hurry (A)/ to get away, as though (B)/ there was something (C)/ his wanted to say. (D)/ No error (E)

A.A B.B C.C D.D E.E

Q11. As he went down (A)/ the stairs, he stopped, (B)/ as though sudden struck (C)/ by some thought. (D)/ No error (E)

A.A B.B C.C D.D E.E

Q12. He walked along (A)/ the pavement like a (B)/ drunken man, not caring (C)/ of the looks he got. (D)/ No error (E)

A.A B.B C.C D.D E.E

Q13. He were looking cheerful (A)/ as though he had (B)/ been set free from (C)/ a terrible burden. (D)/ No error (E)

A.A B.B C.C D.D E.E

In the question below, a sentence is given with four words highlighted in bold. From the options, choose the word that is incorrectly spelled. If all the words are correctly spelled, choose 'All are correct' as your answer.

Q14. Something new seemed to be taking place **within** him, and with it he felt a **sort** of **thrust** for **company**.

A.within B.sort C.thrust D.company E.All are correct

Q15. On the counter **lay** some sliced cucumber, some **peices** of dried black bread, and some fish, **chopped** up **small**.

A.lay B.peices C.chopped D.small E.All are correct

Q16. There are **chance** meetings with **strangers** that **interest** us from the first **moment**.

A.chance B.strangers C.interest D.moment E.All are correct

Q17. He **put** his head down on his **dirty** pillow and **pounded** a **long** time.

A.put B.dirty C.pounded D.long E.All are correct

Q18. He **saw** around **hurriedly**, as if he was **searching** for something **important**.

A.saw B.hurriedly C.searching D.important E.All are correct

Directions [Set of 5 Questions]: Given below is a set of sentences, which when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Arrange the sentences in the correct sequence, and answer the questions that follow.

P. It was a grey and heavy day, the country was exactly as he remembered it.

Q. George had had a fearful dream.

R. He dreamt he was back in his childhood in the little town of his birth.

S. He was a child about seven years old, walking into the country with his father on the evening of a holiday.

T. Indeed he recalled it far more vividly in his dream than he had done in memory.

Q19. Which of the following will be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement?

A.P B.R C.Q D.T E.S

Q20. Which of the following will be the **SECOND** sentence after rearrangement?

A.R B.Q C.P D.T E.S

Q21. Which of the following will be the **THIRD** sentence after rearrangement?

A.T B.Q C.P D.R E.S

Q22. Which of the following will be the **FOURTH** sentence after rearrangement?

A.R B.Q C.S D.P E.T

Q23. Which of the following will be the **FIFTH (LAST)** sentence after rearrangement?

A.R B.Q C.S D.P E.T

Directions [Set of 7 Questions]: In the following passage, some of the words have been left out and replaced by a blank represented by a letter. First read the passage and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks as per the questions given.

He wanted to sit down. There was a seat about a hundred paces in front of him. He walked towards it as ___(A)___ he could; but on the way he met with a little adventure which absorbed all his ___(B)___ . Looking for the seat, he had ___(C)___ a woman walking some twenty paces in front of him, but at first he took no more notice of her than of other objects that crossed his ___(D)___ . He was accustomed to walking like that. But there was at first sight something so ___(E)___ about the woman in front of him, that gradually his attention was riveted upon her. He felt a sudden ___(F)___ to find out what it was that was so strange about the woman. In the first place, she appeared to be a girl quite ___(G)___ , and she was walking in the great heat bareheaded and with no parasol or gloves, waving her arms about in an absurd way. She had on a dress of some light silky material, but properly hooked up, and torn open at the top of the skirt, close to the waist.

Q24. (A) A.vast B.slyly C.tired D.fast E.repair

Q25. (B) A.fault B.trap C.hidden D.cost E.attention

Q26. (C) A.stopped B.destroyed C.noticed D.motion E.big

Q27. (D) A.path B.image C.praise D.wish E.own

Q28. (E) A.odd B.false C.holy D.slow E.tough

Q29. (F) A.insult B.desire C.pact D.dislike E.tale

Q30.(G) A.funny B.young C.proud D.mob E.listen

1.C

Solution

Refer to the lines: *"There was no possibility of taking a walk that day. We had been wandering in the garden an hour in the morning; but since dinner the cold winter wind had brought with it clouds so dark, and a rain so heavy, that further out-door exercise was now out of the question. I was glad of it: I never liked long walks, especially on chilly afternoons."* Thus, C is the right answer.

The other options are not mentioned in the passage.

2.D

Solution

Refer to the lines: *"It contained a bookcase: I soon chose a book, taking care that it should be one stored with pictures. I mounted into the window-seat: gathering up my feet, I sat cross-legged. I returned to my book. Each picture told a story; mysterious often to my undeveloped understanding and imperfect feelings, still interesting: as interesting as the tales Bessie sometimes narrated on winter evenings, when she chanced to be in a good mood."* Thus, D is the right answer.

The other options are not mentioned in the passage.

3.A

Solution

Refer to the lines: *"He ought now to have been at school; but his mama had taken him home for a month or two, "on account of his delicate health." Mr. Miles, the master, said that he would do very well if he had fewer cakes and sweetmeats sent him from home; but the mother's heart turned from an opinion so harsh, and inclined rather to the more refined idea that John's poor health was due to homesickness."* Thus, A is the right answer.

The other options are not mentioned in the passage.

4.A

Solution

Refer to the lines: *"The servants did not like to offend their young master by taking my part against him, and Mrs. Reed was blind and deaf on the subject. She never saw him strike or heard him abuse me, though he did both in her very presence, more frequently, however, behind her back."* Thus, A is the right answer.

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5.D

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Refer to the lines: *"Eliza, John, and Georgiana were now clustered round their mama in the drawing-room: she lay reclined on a sofa by the fireside, and with her children about her, looking perfectly happy. A breakfast-room adjoined the drawing-room, I slipped in there. "* Thus, D is the right answer.

The other options are not mentioned in the passage.

6.A

Solution

Refer to the lines: *"Mr. Miles, the master, said that he would do very well if he had fewer cakes and sweetmeats sent him from home; but the mother's heart turned from an opinion so harsh, and inclined rather to the more refined idea that John's poor health was due to homesickness."* Thus, A is the right answer.

The other options are not mentioned in the passage.

7.A

Solution

OFFEND means to insult or humiliate. INSULT is its synonym. Thus, A is the right answer.

Deter - discourage. Force - coerce. Make - create. Pick - lift; sele

8.E

Solution

UGLY means unattractive or bad-looking. BEAUTIFUL (good-looking; appealing) is its antonym. Thus, E is the right answer.

Clever - intelligent. Dumb - one who cannot speak. Costly - expensive. Quick - fast.

9.E

Solution

The sentence is grammatically correct and free of error. Thus, E is the right answer.

10.D

Solution

In D, replace the possessive pronoun HIS with the subject pronoun HE as it forms the subject of the verb WANTED. Thus, D is the right answer.

11.C

Solution

In C, replace the adjective SUDDEN with SUDDENLY as it is being used to modify the verb STRUCK. Thus, C is the right answer.

12.D

Solution

In D, replace the preposition OF with ABOUT as the appropriate preposition that the verb CARING will take is ABOUT. Thus, D is the right answer.

13.A

Solution

In A, replace the plural verb WERE with WAS as the subject pronoun HE is singular. Thus, A is the right answer.

14.C

Solution

The sentence tells us how something new was taking place within (inside) him, and he felt a sort (kind) of desire to be in the company (presence) of others. THRUST (pushed) is contextually inapt here, and should be replaced with THIRST (desire; need). Thus, C is the right answer.

15.A

Solution

The sentence tells us how on the counter lay (was kept) some sliced cucumber, some bits of fried bread and some fish, chopped (cut) up small (having a little size). B is incorrectly spelled. The correct spelling of the word is PIECES (bits). Thus, B is the right answer.

16.E

Solution

The sentence tells us how there are chance (accidental) meetings with strangers (unknown people) that interest (fascinate) us from the first moment (instant). All the words are contextually apt and correctly spelled. Thus, E is the right answer.

17.C

Solution

The sentence tells us how he put (settled) his head down on his dirty (soiled) pillow and thought for a long (considerable amount of) time. C is incorrectly spelled. The correct spelling of the word is PONDERED (thought deeply). Thus, C is the right answer.

18.A

Solution

The sentence tells us how he looked around hurriedly (quickly), as if he was searching (seeking) for something important (significant). SAW AROUND is grammatically incorrect. LOOKED AROUND will be contextually and grammatically apt. Thus, A is the right answer.

19.C

Solution

QRSPT is the final order. Q begins the para by introducing the person who is discussed - George. It tells us how he had had a scary dream. R proceeds by telling us what he dreamt - he was back in his hometown. S follows by telling us what he was doing - walking into the country with his father on the evening of a holiday. PT concludes as a pair: P tells us how the day was grey and heavy and the country was exactly how he remembered it. T ends by telling us how he recalled it clearly in his dream than he remembered in his memories. Thus, C is the right answer.

20.A

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21.E

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22.D

Solution

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23.E

Solution

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24.D

Solution

We need an adverb to modify the verb WALKED. FAST (quickly) will fit here as the sentence tells us how he walked towards the seat at a quick pace. Thus, D is the right answer.
Vast - extensive. Slyly - in a cunning way. Tired - weary. Repair (verb) - mend; fix.

25.E

Solution

We need a noun to form the object of the possessive pronoun HIS. ATTENTION (focus) will fit here as the sentence tells us how he met with an adventure that captured his focus. Thus, E is the right answer.
Fault - mistake. Trap - trick; prison. Hidden (adj.) - concealed. Cost - price.

26.C

Solution

We need a past participle form verb to fit in the HAD + VERB past perfect tense construction. NOTICED (observed) will fit here as the sentence tells us how he had observed a woman walking in front of him. Thus, C is the right answer.
Stopped - halted. Destroyed - ruined. Motion (noun) - movement. Big (adj.) - huge.

27.A. **Solution**

We need a noun to be modified by the possessive pronoun HIS. PATH (way) will fit here as the sentence tells us how he took no notice of objects that crossed his way. Thus, A is the right answer.
Image - picture. Praise - appreciation. Wish - desire. Own (verb) - possess.

28.A

Solution

We need an adjective to modify the pronoun SOMETHING. ODD (strange) will fit here as the sentence tells us how there was something weird about the woman. Thus, A is the right answer.
False - inaccurate. Holy - sacred. Slow - gradual. Tough - hard; difficult.

29.B

Solution

We need a noun to be modified by the adjective SUDDEN. DESIRE (wish) will fit here as the sentence tells us about a sudden wish on the part of the speaker to find out what was strange about the woman. Thus, B is the right answer.
Insult - offence. Pact - agreement. Dislike - hatred. Tale - story.

30.B

Solution

We need an adjective to modify the noun GIRL. YOUNG (youthful) will fit here as the sentence tells us how the girl was not very old. Thus, B is the right answer.
Funny - amusing. Proud - arrogant; vain. Mob (noun) - crowd. Listen (verb) - hear.