

NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION, 2013-14

STATE LEVEL EXAMINATION – QUESTION BOOKLET

LANGUAGE TESTING

CLASS: - X

MEDIUM: - ENGLISH

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Maximum Marks: 40

Time 45 Minutes

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Directions (Q. Nos. 1-4):

Read the passage and answer the questions given below it :

A large number of people are consuming packaged food because it has become a matter of convenience, pleases the taste buds and feels your stomach. Also, it is important to note the quality of packing used for these products and whether additives are used or not to increase their self-life. For example, dairy products like milk that come tetra packs come without any additive and due to no contact with air, it remains fresh for a long period of time. The ready-to-eat food products are specially laden with preservatives and can have excess oil in form of trans fats, which can be a threat to health. I don't really advocate bakery products whether they are packaged or not. The problem with canned or processed food is that they have excessive salt or sugar. Cooking at home is always a healthy option. For example, even simply eating dal-chawal is far healthier option over junk food. What one to do is a little bit of time management and planning. We should stick to those food items that we are genetically used to such as Indian food cooked by traditional methods.

1. Why are more and more people consuming packaged food? It is because.....
 - (1) it is cheap
 - (2) it is convenient, tasty and fulfilling
 - (3) it is time consuming
 - (4) it is good for health

2. Ready to eat products are laden with.....
 - (1) Protein
 - (2) Vitamins
 - (3) Minerals
 - (4) Preservatives

3. Why do you think cooking at home is a healthier option? It is because.....
 - (1) it does not contain preservatives or excess salt or sugar
 - (2) it helps in time management and planning
 - (3) it pleases the taste buds and fills the stomach
 - (4) it is genetically good

4. Shelf-life of a product indicates.....

- (1) place where it can be kept
- (2) its expiry date
- (3) length of time a product can be kept in a shop
- (4) its date of packaging

Directions (Q. Nos. 5-8):

Read the passage and answer the questions given below it:

The menace of plastic in the state truly came to the fore when thin plastic bags choked the drains and caused water-logging during the 2005 floods in Mumbai. In the aftermath of the incident, the government proposed a complete ban on plastics but later decided to ban only bags of thickness less than 50 microns. Plastic degrades slowly which means it remains in the state due to its widespread utility. But the anti-plastic movement is gaining stream in cities such as Mumbai, Pune and Nagpur where 'Say no to plastic' campaigns have led to various citizens carrying cloth or paper bags for grocery and general shopping, while at the policy level, Mahabaleshwar recently issued a blanket ban on plastic usage in the hill station.

5. What was a major cause of the Mumbai floods of 2005?
 - (1) There was heavy, incessant rain for many days
 - (2) Thin plastic bags had choked the drains and caused water-logging
 - (3) The rivers had too much of water
 - (4) All the above reasons

6. Mahabaleshwar has recently issued a blanket ban on :
 - (1) policies against use of plastic
 - (2) widespread anti-plastic bag campaign
 - (3) plastic usage in the hill station
 - (4) citizen carrying cloth or paper bag

7. Why is plastic harmful for the environment?
 - (1) It degrades slowly and release toxic substances
 - (2) It causes choking of drains

- (3) It leads to flood-like conditions
- (4) It causes water-logging.

8. A toxic substance is one which is.....

- (1) non-poisonous
- (2) poisonous
- (3) harmful
- (4) fatal

Directions (Q. Nos. 9-12):

Read the passage and answer the questions given below it:

Toy guns are riot an option. Tejaswini, 29, used to do some 22 shooting as an NCC cadet in Kolhapur but when she wanted to turn professional, she realized she had no access to equipment and no means to acquire her own. In 1999, a coach, Jaisingh Kusale, spotted potential in Tejaswini and loaned her a 10-metre air rifle. Just as things were looking up, the coach passed away and the rifle was sent away with his other belongings. "I had an 18-month break in my shooting career as I had no access to a rifle," she recounts. "I had to make do with borrowed rifles and, on one occasion, even lost out in the trial for the National Games on account of a bad rifle."

9. What problems did Tejaswini encounter when she decided to turn professional?

- (1) She was opposed by her parents.
- (2) She did not get proper coaching.
- (3) She had no access to equipment and could not acquire it.
- (4) She had to borrow rifles.

10. Why was she compelled to have a break of 18 months in her career?

- (1) Her coach passed away.
- (2) She had no access to a rifle.
- (3) His rifle was sent away with his belongings.
- (4) her training was inadequate.

11. To make do with means.....

- (1) adjust
- (2) accommodate

(3) tolerate

(4) refuse

12. She lost in the trial for National Games because of.....

(1) bad shooting

(2) bad rifle

(3) match fixing

(4) inadequate equipment

Directions (Q. Nos. 13 and 14):

The following five sentences form a paragraph. The first and last sentences are given. Choose the order in which the three sentences (PQR) should appear to complete the paragraph:

13. S1 In 1925, a disease destroyed the crops in one village.

S2

S3

S4

S5 The children were very happy to be back with their parents.

P Later the village people went back to retrieve their children.

Q The people began to starve.

R The chief decided to send the children of the village to live in a near village.

Options:

(1) QRP

(2) PQR

(3) PRQ

(4) RPQ

14. S1 The month of Ramzaan is holy for Muslims.

S2

S3

S4

S5 On the first day of the next month, Shawwal, Id-ul-Fitr is celebrated.

P after sunset the fast is broken with fruits and food.

Q during the day, they say prayers and read the Quran.

R this month Muslims fast dawn to dusk.

Options:

- (1) QPR (2) RQP
(3) RPQ (4) PRQ

Directions (Q. Nos. 15 and 16):

The following questions have the second sentence missing. Choose the appropriate alternative to complete it.

15. A The ozone layer protects us from the harmful UV rays of the Sun.

B

C The ozone layer is decreasing due to gasses called chlorofluro-carbons.

- (1) The ozone layer is a thin layer.
(2) The UV rays cause skin cancer.
(3) Other layers of atmosphere are stratosphere and troposphere
(4) The Sun also gives us heat.

16. A Children were enjoying the dance festival.

B

C The Kathak dance style was liked the most.

- (1) Good music was being played
(2) The artist wore colourful costumes
(3) It was the annual school festival
(4) Various style of dance were being performed on stage.

Direction (Q. Nos. 17-21):

Choose the *correct* word and fill in the blank:

17. A music festival was being held in the.....

- (1) Stadium (2) Stage
(3) Auditorium (4) Emporium

18. One who is brilliant is called a.....

- (1) Generous (2) Genial

(3) Cordial

(4) Genius

19. People gave.....reports of the accident.

(1) ghostly

(2) harmful

(3) ghastly

(4) dangerous

20. The class.....elected the monitor.

(1) unison

(2) together

(3) united

(4) unanimously

21. City.....have to face traffic jams frequently.

(1) dwellers

(2) dealers

(3) livers

(4) man

Directions (Q. Nos. 22-25):

Choose the *correct* meaning of the idioms and phrases:

22. A close shave:

(1) Something done badly

(2) Clean shave

(3) A narrow escape

(4) Bad outfit

23. To get into rows:

(1) to arrange in a line

(2) to present neatly

(3) to get into a boat

(4) to quarrel

24. To look upto:

- (1) to watch carefully
- (2) to respect someone
- (3) to search for something
- (4) to be unsure

25. To be on cloud nine:

- (1) to die
- (2) to win a prize
- (3) to be very happy
- (4) to be unsure

Directions (Q. Nos. 26-33):

In the following passage, there are some numbered blanks. Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate word from the given option:

Legends will tell you that Flamingoes (26).....not ordinary visitors to Kutch. They were the honoured guests of king Lakho and he (27).....the hunting of Flamingoes that (28).....to Kutch from various parts of the world. For centuries the region (29).....a haven (30).....this migratory bird. Flamingo City, an island in the middle of the Rann of Kutch, (31).....the world over as the biggest breeding grounds of the flamingo, (32).....with bodies of hundreds of flamingo chicks. The parents of these chicks (33).....the island due to lack of food.

- 26. (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) have been
- (4) have
- 27. (1) has forbidden
- (2) forbade
- (3) forbidden
- (4) was forbidding
- 28. (1) comes
- (2) are coming
- (3) came
- (4) come
- 29. (1) has been
- (2) was
- (3) have been
- (4) is
- 30. (1) with
- (2) for
- (3) in
- (4) under
- 31. (1) knows
- (2) was known
- (3) are known
- (4) known
- 32. (1) is strewn
- (2) are strewn
- (3) strewn
- (4) has strewn
- 33. (1) fled
- (2) have fled
- (3) has fled
- (4) are fled

Directions (Q. Nos. 34-37)

Choose the appropriate word and fill in the blanks:

34. The children were.....by the sound of gunfire.

- (1) terror
- (2) terrified
- (3) terrible
- (4) terrific

35. I am..... than my elder brother.

- (1) youngest
- (2) young
- (3) most young
- (4) younger

36.use of water will help us conserve it.

- (1) Judgemental
- (2) Judiciary
- (3) Judicious
- (4) Judiciously

37. The science protect was presented.....

- (1) effect
- (2) effectively
- (3) affect
- (4) effective

Directions (Q. Nos. 38-40):

Choose the opposite in meaning to the given word:

38. Elaborate:

- (1) decorative
- (2) short
- (3) brief
- (4) detailed

39. Alike:

- (1) different
- (2) similar
- (3) distinct
- (4) unique

40. Ferocious:

(1) hungry

(2) violent

(3) dangerous

(4) mild

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