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**LANGUAGE TESTING**

**CLASS: - X**

**MEDIUM: - ENGLISH**

**Date: 2 November 2014, Day: Sunday**

**Maximum Marks: 40**

**Time 45 Minutes**

## LANGUAGE TESTING-ENGLISH

**Directions (Q. Nos. 1-4) :**

**Read the passage and answer the questions given below it :**

I have a great fascination for rank holders. Rank is not merely an index of one's intelligence; it also indicates the hard work and perseverance that students have put in to reach their goal. My background-I was brought up in a professor's family-and my own experience as a teacher has led me to believe this.

Of all the photographs in that morning's newspaper, one boy's snapshot caught my attention. I could not take my eyes off him. He was frail and pale, but there was an endearing sparkle in his eyes. I wanted to know more about him. I read that his name was Hanumanthappa and that he had secured the eighth rank. That was all the information I could gather.

The next day to my surprise, his photograph was published again, this time with an interview. With growing interest I learned that Hanumanthappa, was a coolie's son, the oldest of five children. They belonged to a tribal group. He was unable to study further, he said in the interview, because he lived in a village and his father, the sole bread winner, earned only Rs. 40 day

I felt sorry for this bright boy. Most of us send our children to tuitions and to coaching classes, we buy them reference books and guides and provide the best possible facilities for them without considering the cost. But it was different for Hanumanthappa. He had excelled in spite of being denied some of the basic necessities of life.

1. What does a person's rank indicate?

- (1) Index of intelligence
- (2) hard work and perseverance
- (3) both (1) and (2) are correct
- (4) both (1) and (2) are incorrect

2. What makes Hanumanthappa's achievement special ?

- (1) he secured 8th rank

(2) he excelled in spite of being denied some of the basic necessities of life

(3) he was a bright student

(4) his photograph was published in the newspaper

3. The writer feels sorry for Hanumanthappa because.....

(1) he could not pursue further studies

(2) he lived in a small village

(3) he was a coolie's son

(4) he was the oldest of 5 children

4. A word from the passage which is similar in meaning to 'determination' .....

(1) belief (2) fascination

(3) endearing (4) perseverance

Directions (Q. Nos. 5-8) :

**Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it :**

If you are looking for a quiet getaway, this might be just the place for you. Nestling amidst the hills, Bhandardara is easily one of the most beautiful holiday spots around Pune. Found here are dense green forests amidst which lays a splendid Arthur Lake formed by the dammed waters of the Pravara River.

Bhandardara boasts of one of the highest hills in Maharashtra with damsites temples, waterfalls, forts, a lake and a wildlife sanctuary. Situated 191 kms from Pune it is an ideal getaway.

The first thing that strikes you here is awesomely the strong winds. Such is the force that a motorcycle was pushed to the edge of the road right before our eyes! The main part of the town has many hotels offering accommodation and dining halls, at price ranging between Rs. 350 to Rs. 600 a day. A local guide helps you in about 100 rupees.

Taking a walk through the picturesque locations was very relaxing. The famous Wilson dam is a lovely site for picnicking as well. Built in 1910 on the Pravara river, the dam is almost 150 meters above sea level, its cool placid waters running for miles. The umbrella falls her called the Randha falls, are breathtaking as several streamlets cascade down 45metres from the lake. These are used for hydropower generation. We relaxed here listening to the soothing sound of waterfalls, while enjoying a picnic lunch of sandwiches and fruit.

5. The most striking feature of Bhandardara is

- (1) Soothing sound of waterfalls
- (2) Strong winds
- (3) Picturesque locations
- (4) Surrounding hills

6. What makes the Randha falls seem breathtaking ?

- (1) has several stream which cascade down from the lake
- (2) They are umbrella shaped
- (3) They are used for hydropower generation
- (4) It is a good picnic spot

7. Which of the following is not to be found at Bhandardara ?

- (1) dam-site
- (2) temples and forts
- (3) bird sanctuary
- (4) waterfalls

8. If you were to visit Bhandardara, you would find reasonable accommodations .....

- (1) at the lakeside
- (2) near the waterfall
- (3) close to the wildlife sanctuary
- (4) in the main heart of the town

**Directions (Q. Nos. 9-12) :**

**Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it :**

Nowadays, the number of people suffering from renal failure has increased. This is happening due to the possible increase in consumption of chemical additives through packed and processed food. Youngsters too are suffering from renal failure. Also, overconsumption of chemicals present in these. Packaged food products have an adverse effect on the kidneys.

People must give a thought to their eating habits and return to the traditional habits of cooking food at home as it surely keeps you fit and helps lead an active life. Especially working and educated

people must understand the grave health dangers they face from overconsumption of these packaged and processed food products.

For example, the oil used in preparing junk food is not from a natural source but the by-product of petroleum. The sweeteners used in the packaged food products are saccharin and not sugar. Over a long period of time, the body will not be able to metabolize all these artificial chemicals. There are so many natural foods available in our country and dishes made from them are also available in many hotel.

9. The causes for renal failure mentioned in the passage are .....

- (1) traditional cooking methods
- (2) sweeteners used in packaged food
- (3) increase in consumption of chemical additives through packaged food
- (4) availability of packaged foods

10. The word 'grave' in the passage means.....

- (1) serious      (2) burial place
- (3) fatal      (4) influential

11. What are the advantages of traditional habits of cooking?

- (1) affects metabolism      (2) keeps one fit and active
- (3) adversely affects kidneys      (4) are a natural source of food

12. The underlined message of the passage is.....

- (1) stop using oil while cooking
- (2) saccharin is bad for health
- (3) follow only traditional cooking methods
- (4) avoid eating packaged and processed food

**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 I got up at 4 a.m. and had a cup of tea.

S2 .....

S3 .....

S4 .....

S5 We discussed the important topics and entered the examination hall confidently.

P When I reached the exam centre my friends had already arrived.

Q I studied till 6 O'clock and revised all topics.

R By 7 O'clock I got ready and left for the exam centre.

Options :

(1) PQR                      (2) RPQ

(3) QRP                      (4) RQP

14. S1 The lion had killed several men the villages were screaming for help.

S2 .....

S3 .....

S4 .....

S5 Almost in reflex action, a shot was fired by him and it killed the lion

P Suddenly from within the bush, the lion leapt up and brushed past his gun.

Q Sham took his rifle and torch and set out in the direction of the cries.

R As he approached a thick bush, he became aware of the lion's presence.

Options :

(1) QRP                      (2) RPQ

(3) PQR                      (4) RQP

**Directions (Q. Nos. 15 and 16) :**

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

15. A : My friend Abdul parks his scooter in the lane outside the office.

B : .....

C : So, I have told him to park it in the parking lot.

- (1) Everyone parks their scooters in the lane.
- (2) But, I fear it will be stolen from there.
- (3) It is quite a safe place.
- (4) There are lots of trees in the lane.

16. A : Vinod, an eight-year has been missing since yesterday.

B: .....

C : Unfortunately, the car's registration number was not noted down.

- (1) The police have been notified about it.
- (2) His parents are worried.
- (3) Vinod left home on his own.
- (4) An eyewitness saw the boy being forcefully taken in a black car.

**Directions (Q. Nos. 17-21) :**

Choose the correct word and fill in the blanks :

17. Something that is out of fashion is called.....

- (1) Traditional      (2) Old
- (3) Obsolete      (4) Primitive

18. When you demonstrate an experiment, it means you ..... it.

- (1) Show      (2) Remonstrate
- (3) Witness      (4) Experience

19. Sachin Tendulkar reached the..... of his career at an early age.

- (1) Zenith      (2) Top



(3) Pinnacle      (4) Apex

20. Amit could not ..... the incident that happened in his childhood.

- (1) assemble                      (2) realise  
(3) memorize                      (4) recollect

21. Although the situation is bad there is no cause for .....

- (1) attention                      (2) concern  
(3) caution                      (4) desire

**Directions (Q. Nos. 22-25)**

Choose the correct meaning of the idioms and phrases :

22. In full swing :

- (1) Cheerful                      (2) Appreciative  
(3) Somewhat deaf              (4) Very active

23. To keep the wolf from the door :

- (1) to keep off starvation      (2) to distinguish oneself  
(3) to be earnest                      (4) confusing situation

24. To bite the dust :

- (1) thoroughly depressed      (2) to suffer defeat  
(3) to do something wrong      (4) to fall down

25. To fall short of :

- (1) to quarrel with                      (2) to disagree with

(3) to be less than or below      (4) to deteriorate

**Directions- (Q. Nos. 26-33) :**

In the following passage, there are some numbered blanks. Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate words from the given options:

Aung San Suu Kyi (26)..... a figure head for Myanmar's struggle for democracy (27)..... 1988. She was educated in Burma, India and the United Kingdom, (28)..... She got her Ph.D. In 1988 she returned home (29).....for her dying mother. Myanmar was in Political chaos (30) ..... a new military junta took power. A Nationwide uprising (31)..... the generals started and Suu Kyi (32)..... for freedom and democracy. She was kept (33) .....house arrest for the best part of two decades till November 2010. She was awarded the Nobel Prize.

26. (1) has been      (2) had been  
(3) was              (4) is become

27. (1) from          (2) since  
(3) between        (4) in

28. (1) when        (2) there  
(3) here            (4) where

29. (1) caring        (2) cared  
(3) to care          (4) cares

30. (1) after      (2) before  
(3) when      (4) where

31. (1) against      (2) opposed  
(3) opposite      (4) again

32. (1) is campaigned      (2) campaigning  
(3) campaigned      (4) was campaigning

33. (1) in      (2) above  
(3) below      (4) under

**Directions (Q. Nos. 34-37) :**

Choose the appropriate word and fill in the blanks :

34. The doctor has advised her to do her exercise..... .

(1) regular      (2) regularly  
(3) regularize      (4) to regulate

35. ....traffic and poor facilities have made pedestrians more vulnerable to accidents.

(1) increase      (2) increasingly  
(3) increasing      (4) being increased

36. Nurturing.....among children is a teacher's duty.

(1) curiosity      (2) curious  
(3) curiousness      (4) curiously'

37. They preserved the dead bodies by turning them ..... Mummies.

- (1) by                      (2) with  
(3) without              (4) into

**Directions (Q. Nos. 38-40) :**

Choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word:

38. Height :

- (1) length              (2) depth  
(3) width              (4) breadth

39. Liberty:

- (1) freedom              (2) helplessness  
(3) treachery              (4) bondage

40. Reveal :

- (1) hide                      (2) show  
(3) demonstrate              (4) understand

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