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LANGUAGE TESTING

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CLASS X / इयत्ता १०वी

MEDIUM :- ENGLISH (इंग्रजी)

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## LANGUAGE TESTING—ENGLISH

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-4) :

Read the passage and answer the questions given below it :

The world over, nations have been vying to attract tourists. And yet, a huge section of the intelligentsia is convinced that more the tourists, the corresponding is the decline in pristine nature of the place. Parrot Island, in the calm and balmy waters of Andaman is one such place that has escaped the herd of tourists.

No wonder, that with its trimmed lush green mangroves and green meadows bordering the sea, it is nature at its best. Untouched and virgin miles of beach that are an answer to the prayers of those seeking solace in the arms of mother nature.

Gifted with the combination of serenity and solitude, bluish backwater, which is neither flowing nor stagnant, Parrot Island is balm for the soul. Here the approach to the island is a pleasure. Five small islands form a stunning visage as one approaches this island. It is strange to see such a beautiful and gorgeous place, enchanting ambience and yet so largely unexplored. Naturally, I felt I was one the only luckiest spectator that evening, when I saw the beautiful visage of the five islands.

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From Nilambur Jetty, there is the option of traveling to Parrot Island and the nearby Limestone caves. It takes 20 minutes boat ride from the Nilambur Jetty to Parrot Island. Without meandering, I can say with certainty that Parrot Island is a must visit for all Indians. As the evening sun descends down, the sky spreading a crimson colour which at times looks like a mix of orange, pink and purple light. Be one with this island for witnessing the early sunrise parrots flocking together in search of their paradise. Visit this paradise.

1. According to intellectuals, increasing number of tourists, leads to .....
  - (1) more attractions for tourist destinations
  - (2) increase in the number of tourists
  - (3) decline in the pristine nature of the place
  - (4) betterment of tourist facilities
  
2. The passage is about .....
  - (1) Tourism in general
  - (2) Parrot Island
  - (3) Nilambur Jetty
  - (4) Effects of tourism
  
3. Which of the given is *not* mentioned as a special feature of the Parrot Island ?
  - (1) largely explored place
  - (2) calm and balmy waters
  - (3) enchanting ambience
  - (4) serenity and solitude

4. Which word in the passage means 'feeling of emotional comfort' ?
- (1) balmy (2) virgin  
(3) meandering (4) solace

**Directions (Q. Nos. 5-8) :**

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

### **True Grit**

**"Parth S. Sutaria, 14, Panvel, Mumbai**

**"THE DAY THAT WAS : JULY 26, 2005**

**"AWARDED FOR : DRAWING A FLOOD-TRAPPED FAMILY TO SAFETY**

The rain refused to let up. The ground-floor of the building, inside the ONGC colony at Panvel, was already flooded with water and the level was rising by the minute. At 7 p.m., the power went off, plunging the entire area into darkness. By that time, the water had risen from ground-level to a height of five feet. Parth and his mother were busy packing, afraid that they might have to vacate their firstfloor flat, too. His father, a finance manager with ONGC, was stuck on his way home. Suddenly they heard screams and banging. Parth rushed downstairs and waded through the



7. Why was the entire area plunged in darkness ?

- (1) Lights were switched off
- (2) There was a short circuit due to water
- (3) Power failure because of heavy rainfall
- (4) Reason not mentioned in the passage

8. The word 'Ominous' means .....

- (1) bad omen
- (2) unpredictable
- (3) bright
- (4) unknown

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

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

More than 175 species of birds can be seen in and around the city. Painted stork and Black Ibis are considered nearly threatened bird species as per international standards. But these birds can still be seen near Pune. However, their number is reducing rapidly. Birds like Lesser Flamingos have vanished, while species like Jungle crow and Black Winged Stilt are seen everywhere. These birds indicate the high level of pollution in the city.

The disappearing of hills and forests, air and water pollution are the major factors for this. The situation will worsen in the near future. The rapid increase in the population will lead to further encroachment on bird habitats. Big trees,



12. Which of the given is a major reason for reduction in the number of birds ?

- (1) disappearing hills and forests
- (2) air and water pollution
- (3) both (1) and (2) are correct
- (4) neither (1) nor (2) is correct

**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 : The product was launched six months back.

S2 : .....

S3 : .....

S4 : .....

S5 : The company now may bring down the price.

P : One of the reasons is that it is costly.

Q : It is one of its kind in India.

R : However the marketing reports are not good.

Options :

- (1) PQR
- (2) QRP
- (3) RPQ
- (4) RQP

14. S1 : Rajiv wanted to become a doctor.

S2 : .....

S3 : .....

S4 : .....

S5 : He put away enough money to pay his first year fees.

P : They could not afford the fees.

Q : Undaunted, he pursued a job in the dockyard.

R : However, he came from a poor family.

Options :

(1) PQR

(2) QPR

(3) PRQ

(4) RPQ

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

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

15. A : Sheela woke up late.

B : .....

C : So, by the time she reached school, it had already started.

(1) She took her time to get ready

(2) She got ready in a hurry.

(3) She missed her school bus, as she was late.

(4) She had her breakfast.

16. A : We arrived at work on Monday.

B : .....

C : So, we immediately informed the Police.

(1) Things were as we had left them on Friday.

(2) We found that someone had burgled the office.

(3) We saw that the phone was not working.

(4) We were unable to open the lock.

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

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

17. One who loves mankind is called a .....

(1) Philanthropist

(2) Misanthropist

(3) Kind

(4) Philosopher

18. A building for lodging of soldiers is .....

(1) Camp

(2) Station

(3) Barrack

(4) Battalion

19. If someone opposes others all the time you call him .....

(1) Soldier

(2) Fighter

(3) Protagonist

(4) Antagonist

20. A long journey especially by sea is a .....

- (1) Voyage (2) Odyssey  
(3) Safari (4) Flight

21. When a ruler is autocratic, he is .....

- (1) Co-operative (2) Dictatorial  
(3) Inspirational (4) Charitable

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

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

22. At wit's end :

- (1) impoverished (2) annoyed  
(3) completed (4) perplexed

23. Out of the blue :

- (1) angrily (2) quietly  
(3) unexpectedly (4) revengefully

24. In round numbers :

- (1) roughly (2) strictly  
(3) maximum (4) approximately

25. Few and far between :

- (1) rare (2) simple  
(3) different (4) frequent

**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 options :

Pleasure and pain are inseparable facets (26) ..... human existence. While the experience of our well-being is rather vague and intangible, (27) ..... of pain is real and affects our body, mind and spirit, (28) ..... our lives in more ways than one. Pain is an unpleasant experience caused by tissue damage that (29) ..... from physical trauma, burns, illness or injury. Despite the agony caused (30) ..... pain, it is essential (31) ..... our survival. Pain (32) ..... an alarm bell, (33) ..... you to pay immediate attention and take action.

26. (1) in (2) on  
(3) of (4) by
27. (1) experiencing (2) experience  
(3) experiences (4) experienced
28. (1) alter (2) alters  
(3) altered (4) altering

29. (1) resulted (2) is resulting  
(3) result (4) results
30. (1) by (2) on  
(3) in (4) of
31. (1) of (2) for  
(3) with (4) by
32. (1) rang (2) is ringing  
(3) rung (4) rings
33. (1) alerted (2) alerting  
(3) alerts (4) alert

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

Choose the appropriate word and fill in the blanks :

34. The ..... mother took lots of efforts to bring up her children.  
(1) anxious (2) anxiety  
(3) anxiously (4) anxiousness
35. A curious thing about the ..... of motion films, is that the people who made it were not interested in films.  
(1) develop (2) developing  
(3) development (4) to develop

36. The police say untidyness should *not* be a reason ..... people to avoid subways.

- (1) by (2) because  
(3) to (4) for

37. Most dogs snarl ..... you pull their tail.

- (1) unless (2) if  
(3) because (4) since

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

Choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word :

38. Abundance :

- (1) Magnificent (2) Scarcity  
(3) Magnanimous (4) Rare

39. Conquer :

- (1) Victorious (2) Winner  
(3) Defeated (4) Surrender

40. Flexible :

- (1) Rigid (2) Still  
(3) Deep (4) Unfortunate

Directions (Q. Nos. 41-44) :

Read the passage and answer the questions given below it :

As my habit, that morning too I stepped out onto our veranda to take in some air. Looking around, my glance fell on a bundle of green in a corner of the veranda. It was a parrot; its awkward twitching indicated that it was alive. Even as I approached it the parrot made no effort to fly away. Parrots are intermittent visitors to our veranda but always skitter away if you get too close to them. It was obviously wounded in some way. I picked it up.

I expect we named it Hariya because of its bright green plumage, and it became a family pet. A cage was bought more to protect Hariya from predators than to keep him imprisoned. In fact, we often let him out of his cage, so he could fly away if he wanted to. Hariya just didn't seem to want to. It was only after many days that we realized that he had never shown an urge to fly.

One day I took Hariya in my hands and gently examined him more thoroughly than we had ever done. To my horror I found that his wings had been **stitched up** with very fine plastic thread that was almost invisible to the naked eye. Someone had obviously taken great pains to ensure that Hariya couldn't fly.

Removing those threads was a very difficult task—it took me a whole week because it had to be done gently and slowly. It was only Hariya's faith and confidence in me that allowed it to happen. As I removed the last

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thread, Hariya squawked and fluffed his suddenly freed wings. Then his neck swiveled around and he just **stared at** me. Hariya's eyes seemed to be shining.

41. Hariya remained with the writer's family though he was not caged all the time because :
- (1) he did not seem to want to go
  - (2) he never showed an urge to fly
  - (3) he was a family pet and he liked it
  - (4) his wings were stitched up
42. Which quality of Hariya helped the writer to remove the stitches ?
- (1) he had a bright green plumage
  - (2) he had faith and confidence in the author
  - (3) he was wounded and weak
  - (4) he did not have an urge to fly and so remained calm
43. He had never shown an urge to fly.  
(Replace the underlined word with a synonym.)
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| (1) impulse | (2) courage |
| (3) desire  | (4) ability |
44. What were the indicators of the bird being alive ?
- (1) it made no efforts to fly away
  - (2) it was twitching awkwardly
  - (3) it was an intermittent visitor
  - (4) the writer could pick it up

**Directions (Q. No. 45) :**

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 :

45. S1 : A family had a very faithful dog.

S2 : .....

S3 : .....

S4 : .....

S5 : The master patted the dog lovingly.

P : Once a massive fire broke out in their house.

Q : The dog burnt himself but brought the child out of the house.

R : Everyone ran out but a small child was left in the house.

Options :

(1) PQR

(2) PRQ

(3) QRP

(4) RPQ

**Directions (Q. No. 46) :**

The following question has the second sentence missing. Choose the correct alternative to complete it.

46. A : One day Rama was playing with his friends in an open area.

B : .....

C : All the other boys fled from there except Rama who stayed to help.

(1) All of a sudden a leopard appeared and attacked one of the boys.

(2) He was twelve years old.

(3) The leopard retaliated.

(4) He was a very brave and helpful boy.

**Directions (Q. Nos. 47-50) :**

**Do as directed :**

**47. Select the appropriate meaning for the given idiom :**

To be a mastermind —

- (1) to be a pioneer (2) to be an entrepreneur  
(3) to be an amateur (4) to be an expert

**48. Choose the *correct* word to complete the sentence :**

Girls are ..... than boys at knitting.

- (1) good (2) better  
(3) best (4) as good as

**Choose the *correct* antonym (Q. Nos. 49-50) :**

**49. Stale :**

- (1) new (2) old  
(3) fresh (4) mouldy

**50. Valuable :**

- (1) invaluable (2) worthless  
(3) priceless (4) expensive

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