

PRACTICE SET-5

DIRECTION (Qs. 1-9): Read the given passage below and answer the questions that follow by selecting the most appropriate option:

The world has come around to the view that democracy is essential for full human development. And only education and skill development can make this possible. Democracy cannot be sustained unless the electorate is well informed, chooses its leadership wisely, and this leadership is intellectually empowered by a multi-dimensional intelligence. The world view of economic development has completely changed: it is no longer believed to be driven by human labour, as Karl Marx said, or by capital, as Alfred Marshall stated, but is knowledge-driven. For application of knowledge, innovations are required, and for more original research, we need many more young minds at the frontier. Knowledge is gender neutral, and hence the 21st century offers a great opportunity to level the gender inequity of the last thousand years in India.

The youth require a mental faculty endowed with multi-dimensional intelligence. It is not adequate to foster cognitive intelligence alone - as is being done in India's educational campuses today - but to also develop the other dimensions of intelligence: emotional, social, moral, spiritual, environmental, and innovative. India's vast youth population is its demographic potential dividend, but only if equipped and enabled with this seven-dimensional intelligence. The nation must, therefore, structure a national education policy for the youth so that the seven dimensions of intelligence can be manifested in every young man and woman. Only then will the demographic dividend not be wasted. These seven dimensions constitute the ability of a person to live a productive life and for the national good. Hence, a policy for India's youth has to be structured within the implied parameters of these dimensions.

The first parameter of such a policy is ability empowerment - the development of the seven types of intelligence. The second is a collective mindset about the legacy and future of the nation, which means knowing the correct de-falsified history of India. The third is the commitment to a social contract of rights and obligations such as a fundamental right to quality primary and secondary education, right to work, an obligation to compete for most positions

of employment on merit, practice gender equality and place national interests above selfish interests. A national education policy is, therefore, a framework for the comprehensive growth of the nation's young population, to enable them to be positioned in life for personal advancement as well as contribute to national greatness. India, however, lacks today a properly structured policy for development of its youth. As a result, many young people are led astray by drugs and crime.

1. The synonym for the word, 'endowed' is
(a) Condemned (b) Bestowed
(c) Denied (d) Disapproved
2. An empowered intellectual leadership involve:
(a) Logical Intelligence
(b) Interpersonal Intelligence
(c) Multi Dimensional Intelligence
(d) Intra-personal Intelligence
3. The antonym for the word, 'cognitive' is:
(a) Intellectual (b) Illogical
(c) Rational (d) Mental
4. According to the passage, what would be the appropriate synonym for the term 'Demographic'?
(a) Uncountable (b) Infinite
(c) Census (d) Indefinite
5. The youth of India is being taught to learn which of these dimensions of intelligence?
A. Emotional and Social
B. Social and Moral
C. Spiritual
D. Environmental and Innovative
(a) Only A and B
(b) Only B and C
(c) Only C and D
(d) All of the above
6. The 21st century education system believes in imparting knowledge:
(a) In a gender biased way.
(b) In a gender neutral manner.
(c) On the basis of sex discrimination.
(d) On the preferences based on genders.

7. What is required to optimally utilize the demographic dividend of India?
 - (a) An economic development policy for the country.
 - (b) An industrial policy for the industrial growth.
 - (c) A structured national education policy for the youth.
 - (d) An economic reform for structural change.
8. According to the passage, what would be the appropriate antonym for the word 'Astray'?
 - (a) Aligned
 - (b) Afield
 - (c) Wandering
 - (d) Adrift
9. On which parameter the national educational policy should be based?
 - (a) Women Empowerment
 - (b) Legal Empowerment
 - (c) Economic Empowerment
 - (d) Ability empowerment
12. "And from our rich and dark decay will laugh our brothers of the many" what is the import of these times ? The poet wants to say that
 - (a) after destruction, creation is bound to follow
 - (b) once the old leaves have withered away new ones will come to take their place
 - (c) sorrow will be replaced with joy and laughter
 - (d) all of the above
13. The term "birth-brothers" means
 - (a) brothers by birth
 - (b) sibling
 - (c) born on the same branch
 - (d) born together
14. The rhyme scheme of the poem is
 - (a) aa, bb, cc
 - (b) ab, ab, ac
 - (c) ab, ab, cc
 - (d) ab, ab, ab
15. The prefix "by" when added to the abstract noun "brave" makes it an adverb. Point out another similar word from the poem.
 - (a) significantly
 - (b) nicely
 - (c) clearly
 - (d) rejoicing

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 10-15) : Following questions are based on poem given below :

Why should I be the first to fall
Of all the leaves on this old tree?
Though sadly soon I know that all
Will lose their hold and follow me.
While my birth-brothers bravely blow,
Why should I be first to go?
Why should I be the last to cling
Of all the leaves on this bleak bough?
I've fluttered since the fire of Spring
And I am worn and withered now.
I would escape the Winter gale
And sleep soft-silvered by a snail.
When swoop the legions of the snow
To pitch their tents in roaring weather
We fallen leaves will lie below
And rot rejoicingly together;
And from our rich and dark decay
Will laugh our brothers of the May.

10. Why has the bough been described as 'bleak' The bough is bleak because
 - (a) there are hardly any leaves left in it
 - (b) It has gone dry
 - (c) It has a pale brown hue
 - (d) it is winter
11. By using the term "to pitch the tents" the poet is referring to the
 - (a) leaves on the trees
 - (b) to leaves on the ground
 - (c) snow covered trees that look like tents.
 - (d) to the barren tree

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 16-21) : Following questions are based on poem given below :

Hey, only look what I have found!
A Sparrow's nest upon the ground;
A Sparrow's nest as you may see,
Blown out of yonder old elm tree.
And what a medley thing it is!
I never saw a nest like this,
Not neatly wove with decent care,
Of silvery moss and shining hair
But put together, odds and ends,
Picked up from enemies and friends
See, bits of thread, and bits of rag,
Just like a little rubbish bag!
Here is a scrap of red and brown,
Like the old washer-woman's gown;
And here is muslin, pink and green,
And bits of calico between;
O never thinks the lady fair,
As she goes by with mincing air,
How the pert Sparrow over-head,
Has robbed her gown to make its bed!
See, hair of dog and fur of cat,
And rovings of a worsted mat,
And shreds of silks, and many a feather,
Compacted cunningly together.

Well, here has hoarding been and hiving,
And not a little good contriving,
Before a home of peace and ease
Was fashioned out of things like these!

16. Why does the poet compare the sparrow's nest to "a little rubbish bag" ?
 - (a) it is made of twigs only
 - (b) the nest is made up of bits of thread and rag etc
 - (c) it is threaded together
 - (d) it has a lot of rubbish in it
17. Which of the following is a simili?
 - (a) And here is muslin pink and green
 - (b) And what a medley thing it is!
 - (c) Here is a scrap of red and brown
 - (d) Just like a little rubbish bag!
18. What does the poet mean by the phrase "compacted cunningly together" ?
 - (a) threaded nearly together
 - (b) put together cleverly bits and pieces
 - (c) arranged properly
 - (d) stacked up
19. "Well, here has hoarding been and hiving" What is the figure of speech used here?
 - (a) Alliteration
 - (b) Repetition
 - (c) Refrain
 - (d) Uniquely
20. The rhyme scheme is
 - (a) aa, bb, cc, dd
 - (b) ab, ab, cd, cd
 - (c) aa, cd, bb, cd
 - (d) ab, bc, ab, bc
21. The word 'worsted' means
 - (a) brought together
 - (b) a smooth compact yarn
 - (c) the worse possible thing
 - (d) not likeable
2. Water brings joy to earth, grass, leaf-bud, blossom, insect, bird, animal and the pounding heart of man. Small children run out of their homes to romp naked in the rain. Buffaloes, which have spent the summer listlessly around lakes gone dry, now plunge into a heaven of muddy water. Soon the lakes and rivers will overflow with the monsoon's generosity. Trekking in the Himalayan foothills, I recently walked for kilometres without encountering habitation. I was just scolding myself for not having brought along a water-bottle, when I came across a patch of green on a rock face. I parted a curtain of tender maiden hair fern and discovered a tiny spring issuing from the rock-nectar for the thirsty traveller.
3. I stayed there for hours, watching the water descend, drop by drop, into a tiny casement in the rocks. Each drop reflected creation. That same spring, I later discovered, joined other springs to form a swift, tumbling stream, which went cascading down the hill into other streams until, in the plains, it became part of a river. And that river flowed into another mightier river that kilometres later emptied into the ocean. Be like water, taught Laotzu, philosopher and founder of Taoism. Soft and limpid, it finds its way through, over or under any obstacle. It does not quarrel; it simply moves on.
22. Which one of the following words is most opposite in meaning to the word 'descend' (para 3) as used in the passage?
 - (a) hover
 - (b) zoom
 - (c) flow
 - (d) ascend
23. Which part of speech is the underlined word in the following sentence?
Almost overnight new grass spring up.
 - (a) Adjective
 - (b) Adverb
 - (c) Preposition
 - (d) Pronoun
24. Which part of the following sentence contains an error?
He knew that he will go back on his promise
(A) (B) (C) (D)
 - (a) C
 - (b) D
 - (c) A
 - (d) B
25. Which of the following statements is not true?
 - (a) The sweltering heat comes to an end.
 - (b) The damp earth releases a sweet fragrance.
 - (c) There is renewal everywhere.
 - (d) New grasses spring up.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 22-30): Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow, by selecting the correct/ most appropriate option.

1. Each drop represents a little bit of creation and of life itself. When the monsoon brings to northern India the first rains of summer, the parched earth opens its pores and quenches its thirst with a hiss of ecstasy. After baking in the sun for the last few months, the land looks cracked, dusty and tired. Now, almost overnight, new grass springs up, there is renewal everywhere, and the damp earth releases a fragrance sweeter than any devised by man.

26. The earth does not look _____ before the onset of the monsoon.
 (a) dusty (b) tired
 (c) cracked (d) brown
27. Children respond to the first rains of summer by
 (a) running and playing in the rain.
 (b) singing songs.
 (c) giving shouts of joy.
 (d) floating paper boats in water.
28. The tiny spring issuing from the rock is hidden by
 (a) bushes and creepers.
 (b) tall grass.
 (c) thick moss.
 (d) maiden hair fern.
29. To become part of a river, a tiny drop has to
 (a) suffer a lot.
 (b) merge its identity.
 (c) have a lot of strength.
 (d) depend on external forces.
30. Which of the following words is most similar in meaning to the word 'pounding' as used in para 2 of the passage?
 (a) palpitating (b) sinking
 (c) shaking (d) benumbing

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 31-33): Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

The future of water will be a gamble - resting entirely on the way we decide to play the game here. Either we continue to use water irresponsibly, threatening the very existence of this planet, or we adopt sustainable and smart water management practices to build a water secure future.

By 2050, India's total water demand will increase by 32 percent from now. Industrial and domestic sectors will account for 85 percent of the additional demand. Over-exploitation of ground-water, failure to recharge aquifers and reduction in catchment capacities due to uncontrolled urbanisation are all causes of the precarious tilt in the water balance.

If the present rate of groundwater persists, India will have only 22 percent of the present daily per capita water available in 2050, possibly forcing the country to import its water.

Optimists believe that India's people some 1.7 billion by 2050, will have integrated water efficient practices into their daily lives. If the ambitious water sustainability goals set by global industries and governments are testament we dare say that the world has begun to recognize water as a resource after all.

While beverages giants are focussed on returning water to the communities where they manufacture their drinks, food processing players are engaging with farmers and upstream actors to minimise water usage across the supply claim and textile houses are evangelising the concept of sustainable fashion. Companies have realised the risks emanating from

the possibility of a water-scarce future. This has triggered companies to re-engineer processes, implement water optimizing, technologies, establish water audit standards, and use a collaborative approach to deal with the water crisis.

31. What part of speech is the underlined word in the following sentence?
 I do not know why he is so curious about it.
 (a) Adverb clause (b) Adjective clause
 (c) Noun clause (d) Principal clause
32. We will face a severe water-scarcity problem in future mostly because:
 (a) we do not use water responsibly.
 (b) ground-water level water is steadily decreasing.
 (c) water is not a renewable source.
 (d) by 2050, demand for water will increase considerably.
33. Which of the following will not lead to a severe water imbalance?
 (a) uncontrolled urbanisation
 (b) flawless water infrastructure.
 (c) over-exploitation of water.
 (d) failure to recharge aquifers.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 34-36): The sentences given below have been jumbled, arrange them in a coherent meaningful order, choose the appropriate option.

34. 1. Rose was lonely in the house.
 P. She was very good at that.
 Q. She sat all day in a room on the terrace.
 R. She would sit on the rug and do her reading and writing.
 S. It was a little room with nothing but a bed and a rug.
 6. It was the only thing she had learnt from the convent.
 (a) QRSP (b) RSPQ
 (c) QSRP (d) PSQR
35. 1. "As a matter of fact", said the boy modestly, "I'm a spaceman."
 P. "You can't see it from here."
 Q. 'From another planet.'
 R. 'I'm a spaceman', he said again.
 S. John and George stared at the boy.
 6. John gasped, George gave a shout of laughter.
 (a) PSRQ (b) QPSR
 (c) RQPS (d) SRQP
36. 1. A poor woman lost her only son.
 P. He asked her to bring mustard seed from a house where no death had ever taken place.
 Q. As Buddha wanted her to understand that death is inevitable.
 R. She could not find such a house.

- S. She came to Buddha to bring her son back to life.
6. The woman understood the message of Buddha.
(a) SPQR (b) SQPR
(c) RSPQ (d) SRPQ

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 37-41): Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

Faced with an (37) number and variety of products on the market, managers are finding it more difficult to (38) demand and plan production and orders (39) As a result (40) forecasts are increasing and , along with them , the costs of those errors Many managers today, (41) speed is the answer, have turned to one or another popular production scheduling system. But these tools tackle only part of the problem what's really needed is a way to improve forecasts and simultaneously redesign planning processes to minimize the impact of erroneous forecasts.

37. (a) equal (b) exact
(c) eccentric (d) unprecedented
38. (a) register (b) accept
(c) ignore (d) predict
39. (a) spontaneously (b) positively
(c) accordingly (d) quickly
40. (a) exorbitant (b) inadequate
(c) frequent (d) inaccurate
41. (a) notwithstanding (b) believing
(c) visualizing (d) neglecting

DIRECTION (Q. 42) : *Pick out the nearest meaning of word given below.*

42. intrinsic
(a) introvert (b) intricate
(c) complicated (d) secret

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 43-44): *Pick out the opposite meaning of the given words.*

43. jeer
(a) mourn (b) praise
(c) mock (d) sneer
44. Fake
(a) Fanciful (b) Real
(c) Ideal (d) Wrong

DIRECTION (Q. 45): *In the following Question, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences and indicate it by blackening the appropriate circle [●] in the Answer Sheet*

45. A recurrent Compulsive urge to steal.
(a) Pneumonia (b) Insomnia
(c) Nymphomania (d) Kleptomania

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 46-47): Match List I with List II.

46. Match List I with List II.

| List I | List II |
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| A. Sheep should sleep in a shed. | I. Consonance |
| B. It will creep & beep while you sleep | II. Alliteration |
| C. It's hot and it's monotonous. | III. Assonance |
| D. The sad truth is that the truth is sad. | IV. Repetition |

Choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-i, B-ii, C-iii, D-iv (b) A-ii, B-i, C-iii, D-iv
(c) A-iv, B-iii, C-ii, D-i (d) A-i, B-iv, C-iii, D-ii

47. Match List I with List II.

| List I | List II |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. Cock and bull story change | I. You can't who you are |
| B. A Leopard can't change his spots | II. destroy or ruin a plan |
| C. Hit the hay | III. An unbelievable tale |
| D. Queer the pitch | IV. Go to bed or go to sleep |

Choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-iii, B-i, C-iv, D-ii (b) A-i, B-ii, C-iii, D-iv
(c) A-iv, B-iii, C-ii, D-i (d) A-i, B-iv, C-iii, D-ii

DIRECTION (Qs. 48): *In the given sentence four words/phrases have been underlined, one part has an error; identify which part has an error.*

48. You cannot skip it over; it is only a part and parcel
 a b c
of the ceremony.
 d

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 49-50): *Change the Reported speech into Direct/Indirect sentence..*

49. Ritu said to you, "You are looking very pretty."
 (a) Ritu told you that you were looking very pretty.
 (b) Ritu told you that I was looking very pretty.
 (c) Ritu told you that she was looking very pretty.
 (d) Ritu told you that you are looking very pretty.
50. He said to me, "Please be kind and help me."
 (a) He requested to me to help him kindly.
 (b) He told me to kindly help him.
 (c) He requested me to be kind to help him.
 (d) He requested me to be kind and help him.

RESPONSE SHEET

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| 1. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 2. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 3. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 4. (a) (b) (c) (d) |
| 5. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 6. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 7. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 8. (a) (b) (c) (d) |
| 9. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 10. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 11. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 12. (a) (b) (c) (d) |
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| 41. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 42. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 43. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 44. (a) (b) (c) (d) |
| 45. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 46. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 47. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 48. (a) (b) (c) (d) |
| 49. (a) (b) (c) (d) | 50. (a) (b) (c) (d) | | |

Hints & Explanations

1. (b) The synonyms of endowed are provide, favour & bestow.
2. (c) It involves multi-dimensional intelligence.
3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (d) 6. (b)
7. (c) It has been clearly mentioned in the 2nd paragraph that the nation must structure a national education policy for the youth.
8. (a) Aligned is the exact opposite word of Astray.
9. (d) 10. (a) 11. (c) 12. (d)
13. (b) This is exactly what the poet wants to say
14. (c) 15. (d)
16. (b) It is clearly stated.
17. (d). 18. (d) 19. (c) 20. (a) 21. (b)
22. (d) The word used in the passage opposite in meaning to the word 'descend' is 'ascend'
Descend: move or fall downwards.
Ascend: go up or climb.
23. (b) The part of speech in 'almost' as underlined in the given sentence is an **Adverb**.
An adverb is a word that modifies (describes) a verb (he sings loudly), an adjective (very tall), another adverb (ended too quickly), or even a whole sentence
24. (b) The error is in (b) part of the given sentence. Here, the sentence is in past tense. So, 'would' will be used instead of 'will' to maintain the tense of the given sentence.
25. (a) The statement (a) is not true as it is not mentioned anywhere in the given passage. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.
26. (d) The earth does not look **brown** before the onset of the monsoon.
Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.
27. (a) Read the lines of first paragraph, '*small children run out of their homes to romp naked in the rain*'.
Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.
28. (d) The tiny spring issuing from the rock is hidden by **maiden hair fern**.
Read the lines of second paragraph, '*I parted a curtain of tender maiden hair fern and discovered a tiny spring summer issuing from the rock-nectar for the thirsty traveler*'.
Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.
29. (b) To become part of a river, a tiny drop has to merge **its identity**.
30. (a) The word which is used in the para 2 and is most similar in meaning to the word 'pounding' is '**palpitating**'.
Palpitating: shake; tremble.
– (of the heart) beat rapidly, strongly, or irregularly.
Pounding: repeated and heavy striking or hitting of someone or something.
Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.
31. (c) The underlined part is Noun clause in objective case.
32. (c) We will face a severe water scarcity problem in future because water is not a renewable source.
33. (b) This options is no where mentioned in the passage.
34. (c) 35. (d) 36. (b)
37. (d) Unprecedented means novel, unexampled.
38. (d) 39. (c) 40. (d) 41. (b) 42. (a)
43. (b) Jeer means to laugh or shout rude comments.
44. (b)
45. (d) Kleptomania is a compulsion to steal having no relation to need or the monetary value of the object. Pneumonia is a disease; insomnia is an inability to sleep; chronic sleeplessness while nymphomania is an abnormally intense sexual desire in women.
46. (b)
47. (a)
48. (b) Only in the sense of merely is not to used as "part and parcel" (an idiomatic expression) means an essential part and the "it" referred to in the sentence is apparently important enough not to be missed.
49. (a) The given statement is in direct speech. Its indirect form is- Ritu told you that you were looking very pretty.
50. (d) The given statement is in direct speech. Its indirect form is- He requested me to be kind and help him.