

Passage 17

At that time, The White House was as serene as a resort hotel out of season. The corridors were 207. (a) striking in the various
(b) hollow
(c) empty

offices. 208. (a) Quiet gray men on waistcoats talked to one another in low-pitched voices. The only color or choler, curiously
(b) Faded
(c) Loud

enough, was provided by the President Eisenhower himself. Apparently, his 209. (a) laughter was easily set off; he scowled when
(b) curiosity
(c) temper

he 210. (a) paced the corridors.
(b) strolled
(c) prowled

Passage 18

Someone 211. (a) pointed at the door. A lady opened it. A stranger was standing at the 212. (a) fence He said, "Madam, please
(b) knocked
(c) looked (b) gate
(c) compound

excuse me for 213. (a) disturbing you. May I ask you something? I 214. (a) wait by your house everyday on my 215. (a) office
(b) harassing
(c) asking (b) watch
(c) pass (b) steps
(c) way

to work, I have 216. (a) decided that every day you hit your son on 217. (a) your head with a loaf of bread." The lady replied,
(b) felt
(c) noticed (b) his
(c) my

"Yes, that's 218. (a) right " The stranger asked, " This morning, I saw you 219. (a) feeding him with a chocolate.
(b) obvious
(c) surprising (b) bestowing
(c) hitting

Why 220. (a) bread? The lady replied, " Today is his birthday. Therefore, I hit him with a sweet thing."
(b) then
(c) so

Passage 19

Erosion in nature is a beneficent process without which the world would have died long ago. The same process

221. (a) started by human mismanagement has become one of the most 222. (a) drastic and destructive forces that had ever been
(b) accelerated
(c) adopted (b) degrading
(c) vicious

by man. What is 223. (a) produced known as 224. (a) normally erosion or denudation is a universal 225. (a) geological
(b) released
(c) caused (b) etological
(c) natural

226. (a) aspect through which thousands of years (b) phenomena (c) experience process 227. (a) has carved the Earth (b) had (c) have 228. (a) to its present shape. Denudation (b) in (c) into
229. (a) inevitable process 230. (a) at soil formation where by the (b) in (c) for 231. (a) basic rock material is (b) early (c) original
232. (a) up and sorted out by wind and water until it becomes (b) down (c) off 233. (a) natural for colonisation (b) necessary (c) suitable
234. (a) of plants. Plants by the binding (b) by (c) for 235. (a) forces of their roots bring denudation almost to a standstill. (b) effect (c) powers

Passage 20

- One day while I was discussing a new strategy to locate the wild dogs, a forest guard at Sariska informed me that about 15-16metres to the right of Pandupole road, a Chital lay killed apparently by wild dogs. This was difficult to 236. (a) presume (b) believe (c) know
- because wild dogs usually do not leave 237. (a) behind any kill. They finish it (b) away (c) after 238. (a) up to the bone. Still an examination (b) over (c) off
- would 239. (a) prove interesting information and vital clues about the (b) reveal (c) involves 240. (a) predator So, I proceeded in the direction (b) chital (c)
- pointed 241. (a) out by the guard, Scanning the area I (b) to (c) man-eater 242. (a) found across the dead Chital. The (b) located (c) came 243. (a) body had been (b) corpse (c) carcass
- opened but not 244. (a) now eaten. Its owner had (b) yet (c) at all 245. (a) probably dressed the dinner ready for eating. I looked about for (b) surely (c) really
- marks and 246. (a) when I found them, the marks (b) where (c) which 247. (a) frankly indicated the presence of a canine. But (b) openly (c) clearly 248. (a) what (b) which (c) who
- Jackals or wild dogs? Since, Jackals were active in Sariska independently 249. (a) having Chital-kills, the actual presence, (b) hunting (c) making
250. (a) about the wild dogs still remained. (b) of (c) regarding doubtful

Previous Years' Questions

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-40) In the following passage at certain points you are given a choice of three words marked (a), (b) and (c), one of which fits the meaning of the passage. Choose the best word out of the three. Mark the letter, viz., (a), (b) or (c), relating to this word on your answer sheet.

2015 (I)

Passage

We all like listening to listening to 1. (a) lectures and the person who is good 2. (a) on telling stories
(b) theories (b) at
(c) stories (c) by

will always be a 3. (a) popular member of any company. The art 4. (a) on good story-telling covers much more than 5. (a) describing
(b) good (b) of
(c) necessary (c) at

up fabulous adventures; it includes telling 6. (a) about the doings of living people or 7. (a) insignificant men and women of the
(b) by (b) dead
(c) for (c) famous

past; 8. (a) in your own travels and adventures and 9. (a) experiences, about the books you have read 10. (a) either the films you
(b) about (b) desires (b) all
(c) through (c) worries (c) and

have seen. Practising 11. (a) an art of story-telling can be very 12. (a) useful too. It will help you to 13. (a) listen clearly and
(b) a (b) dangerous (b) remember
(c) the (c) contagious (c) think

logically, to sort out 14. (a) her ideas to express yourself clearly and 15. (a) timidly, to gain and hold the attention 16. (a) at others
(b) their (b) effectively (b) on
(c) your (c) bluntly (c) of

It will help you to 17. (a) shake off shyness and self-consciousness, and give 18. (a) she that feeling of freedom 19. (a) then
(b) lay (b) you (b) what
(c) hit (c) I (c) which

is so important to 20. (a) success in life.
(b) victory
(c) gain

2014 (II)

Passage I

We know that the average depth of the sea is about two and a half miles, but in few places it is very deep indeed—over six miles. The air presses upon our bodies with a weight of about fifteen pounds to the square inch at 21. (a) sea-water . We are used to (b) sea-level (c) sea-bed

this air pressure and 22. (a) do not notice it. In the sea this 23. (a) weight is doubled at a depth of thirty-five feet and it 24. (a) expands (b) decreases (c) increases (b) did (c) does (b) volume (c) pressure

at this rate for greater depths. In the great deeps 25. (a) off the Philippine Islands, a man would be squeezed and utterly crushed by a (b) of (c) on

pressure of 26. (a) severe tons per square inch. The pressure near the ocean floor is 27. (a) such great that if, you were to weight a (b) not (c) so (b) several (c) sheer

piece of wood and 28. (a) measure it to a great depth and then pull it 29. (a) up again it would no longer float, 30. (a) but (b) for (c) when (b) follow (c) lower (b) off (c) down

it would have become waterlogged. All the tiny wood cells and cavities 31. (a) should have burst and become filled with water. (b) could (c) would

We 32. (a) know that animals live at a depth of three miles and more we wonder 33. (a) why this can be. The bodies of animals down (b) how (c) what (b) have known (c) are knowing

34. (a) here are almost entirely filled with water and 35. (a) this saves them from being crushed. However, many of 36. (a) such (b) those (c) there (b) where (c) there (b) these (c) thus

animals contain some gases as well, for 37. (a) then they are captured in nets and drawn 38. (a) on the surface these gases expand (b) to (c) from (b) since (c) when

so much that the animal 39. (a) immediately explodes. Its body is torn to shreds as it 40. (a) bursts (b) jumps (c) lands (b) eventually (c) actually

Directions (Q. Nos. 41-44) Each of the following sentences has a blank space and four words given after the sentence. Select whichever word you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your choice on the answer sheet.

2014 (I)

41. It is necessary to that adequate standards are maintained.

- (a) insure (b) influence
(c) ensure (d) control

42. Many of the city's narrow streets have been

- (a) distinguished
(b) widened
(c) doubled
(d) rehabilitated

43. Only the Chairman to the proposal to build more houses.

- (a) aboiled (b) admitted
(c) prevented (d) objected

44. He hoped to bring the to a satisfactory conclusion.

- (a) quarrel
(b) negotiations
(c) conflicts
(d) concession

Directions (Q. Nos. 45-76) In the following passage at certain points you are given a choice of three words marked (a), (b) and (c), one of which fits the meaning of the passage. Choose the best word out of the three. Mark the letter, viz., (a), (b) or (c), relating to this word on your answer sheet.

Passage II

One of the most interesting new books published recently is 'Spaceship' by Professor E C Walker. Our Earth he says

45. (a) is like a spaceship, and all the 400 million people 46. (a) over Earth are passengers on it. And we are heading 47. (a) to
(b) have been (b) on (b) towards
(c) will be (c) upon (c) upon

a disaster. The levels of atmospheric pollution 48. (a) increasing in the cities and industrial areas of the world could in time change
(b) arriving
(c) coming

the weather patterns of the Earth, raising the temperature 49. (a) in the whole planet. If, this rose a few 50. (a) degrees
(b) of (b) steps
(c) for (c) miles

the deserts of the world would expand to double their size. The polar ice caps would start melting. If, the polar ice caps melted,

the 51. (a) water level all over the world would rise 52. (a) in about 60 m. Professor Walker's 53. (a) idea is not at all about
(b) ice (b) by (b) thought
(c) sea (c) to (c) book

gloom and doom. He admits that the 54. (a) ideas he describes could take thousands of years.
(b) solutions
(c) changes

Passage III

- Sometimes, the messages are sent with 55. (a) many accompanying words and we speak in 56. (a) body language alone. But, (b) few (b) sign (c) no (c) foreign
- what gestures make 57. (a) with language? Most of us are 58. (a) easy with the common hand gestures. Some 59. (a) students (b) up (b) people (c) into (c) officers
- cannot talk without using their hands. 60. (a) We reach out as they explain almost 61. (a) exacting their words, emphasising and (b) Arms (b) shaping (c) They (c) changing
- exaggerating and 62. (a) teaching with their hands. Other people hardly 63. (a) adjust their hands at all when they 64. (a) lecture (b) holding (b) unite (c) punctuating (c) wave (c) talk

2013 (II)

Passage IV

- A young man riding a motor-cycle approached a policeman in a market place and sought his assistance in reaching a particular locality. The policeman gave him some 65. (a) instructions and the motor-cyclist left. He 66. (a) reached back after some time and (b) directions (b) came (c) advice (c) went
67. (a) asked the policeman that he could not 68. (a) find the place. The policeman got the 69. (a) idea to help him and agreed to (b) convinced (b) hit (b) inclination (c) told (c) see (c) urge
70. (a) start with the motor-cyclist. On reaching the 71. (a) station the motor-cyclist left in a hurry leaving the policeman on the (b) go (b) destination (c) proceed (c) spot
- road. The policeman was surprised and returned to his spot. A little later, a senior police officer reached the place and took the policeman to task for dereliction of duty.

Passage V

Picasso is considered by many as the greatest painter of the modern age. There are stories and legends about him. Once, on a beach

in Southern France, a little boy, obviously sent by his parents, approached Picasso 72. (a) with a sheet of paper and begged for a
(b) by
(c) on

small autographed drawing. Picasso 73. (a) painted for a moment, then tore up the paper, took 74. (a) back colour crayons, drew
(b) thought (b) some
(c) stood (c) aside

designs on the boy's chest 75. (a) near neck and signed his 'work' and sent the youngster 76. (a) after to his parents.
(b) and (b) again
(c) to (c) back

Directions (Q. Nos. 77-82) Each of the following sentences has a blank space and four words given after the sentence. Select whichever word you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your choice on the answer sheet.

2013 (I)

77. An accomplice is a partner in
(a) business (b) crime
(c) construction (d) gambling
78. A person, who pretends to be what he is not is called an
(a) imbibor (b) impresario
(c) imitator (d) imposter
79. His nature would not let him leave his office before 5 pm.
(a) honest
(b) selfish
(c) unscrupulous
(d) conscientious
80. The committee's appeal to the people for money little response.
(a) evoked (b) provided
(c) provoked (d) prevented
81. Too many skyscrapers the view along the beach.
(a) reveal (b) obstruct
(c) make (d) clear
82. Though he has several interim plans, his aim is to become a billionaire.
(a) absolute (b) determined
(c) only (d) ultimate

Directions (Q. Nos. 83-115) In the following passage at certain points you are given a choice of three words marked (a), (b) and (c), one of which fits the meaning of the passage. Choose the best word out of the three. Mark the letter, viz., (a), (b) or (c), relating to this word on your answer sheet.

2012 (II)

Passage V

There has been quite some talk in recent times about the status of women in our society, some of it sentimental and some of it, angry.

But the status of women 83. (a) can be improved only if we join 84. (a) ourselves earnestly to achieve the desired 85. (a) goal
(b) shall (b) heads (b) intention
(c) should (c) hands (c) wish

GENERAL ENGLISH Fill in the Blanks and Cloze Test

- Obviously, it cannot be done merely through 86. (a) enforcing legislation. It requires an intelligent and
(b) enacting
(c) passing
- sympathetic 87. (a) presentation of each other problems and a 88. (a) consent to give up pointless claims 89. (a) of superiority.
(b) understanding (b) co-operation (b) about
(c) wish (c) willingness (c) over
- The delicate adjustment can be achieved not 90. (a) by conflict, but by peaceful and dispassionate 91. (a) behaviour, in other
(b) through (b) confrontation,
(c) from (c) means.
- work through frank and courteous 92. (a) discussion. The problem can be solved only 93. (a) through mutual understanding
(b) bargaining (b) by
(c) argument (c) from
- and not through insistence on a 94. (a) vital observance of a code of 95. (a) agreement. If we truly desire a solution to this
(b) hard (b) conduct.
(c) rigid (c) rights.
96. (a) difficult problem, we should be prepared for 97. (a) one compromise. The system cannot be changed overnight.
(b) doubtful (b) a
(c) small (c) no
98. (a) there was a great need for patience in 99. (a) dealing with this complex matter. Problems are 100. (a) immensely solved
(b) is (b) handling (b) best
(c) has been (c) tackling (c) rarely
- through the application of 101. (a) brain and certainly not through angry 102. (a) enmity. At every step in our life, we
(b) wisdom (b) hostility
(c) theory (c) conflicts
103. (a) understand then why should we take up rigid stand in matters which concern us intimately?
(b) compromise
(c) discuss

2012 (I)

Passage VII

- According to a report in yesterday's newspaper 104. (a) once police dog was taken to Raj Bhavan 105. (a) at Monday.
(b) a (b) next
(c) new (c) on
- This was to trace 106. (a) killers of the 'very important horse' which 107. (a) has reported missing on Sunday. The dog
(b) dogs (b) were
(c) police (c) was
- picked 108. (a) on the scent on some traces of 109. (a) those and ran a few yards before losing the 110. (a) bet. The police
(b) at (b) blood (b) track
(c) up (c) report (c) game
- launched a vigorous 111. (a) search into the whole affair. They have 112. (a) given up the services of a forensic expert,
(b) investigation (b) requisitioned
(c) campaign (c) report
113. (a) a fingerprint expert and a photographer 114. (a) There are now fourteen horses at Raj Bhavan. 115. (a) Who are kept in
(b) an (b) we (b) Where
(c) two (c) so (c) Which
- a large shed near the gate.

Exercise

1. (d)	2. (d)	3. (b)	4. (d)	5. (d)	6. (d)	7. (b)	8. (c)	9. (b)	10. (a)
11. (b)	12. (d)	13. (c)	14. (c)	15. (d)	16. (a)	17. (c)	18. (b)	19. (c)	20. (b)
21. (c)	22. (a)	23. (b)	24. (c)	25. (c)	26. (c)	27. (d)	28. (d)	29. (d)	30. (b)
31. (c)	32. (c)	33. (a)	34. (d)	35. (a)	36. (b)	37. (b)	38. (d)	39. (d)	40. (c)
41. (d)	42. (b)	43. (d)	44. (d)	45. (b)	46. (d)	47. (c)	48. (a)	49. (a)	50. (a)
51. (b)	52. (d)	53. (d)	54. (b)	55. (d)	56. (b)	57. (d)	58. (d)	59. (d)	60. (d)
61. (c)	62. (d)	63. (a)	64. (b)	65. (b)	66. (c)	67. (a)	68. (a)	69. (b)	70. (b)
71. (a)	72. (c)	73. (a)	74. (c)	75. (a)	76. (d)	77. (a)	78. (c)	79. (d)	80. (a)
81. (c)	82. (d)	83. (a)	84. (c)	85. (c)	86. (d)	87. (b)	88. (a)	89. (d)	90. (d)
91. (d)	92. (d)	93. (d)	94. (d)	95. (d)	96. (b)	97. (d)	98. (b)	99. (d)	100. (c)
101. (d)	102. (d)	103. (a)	104. (c)	105. (b)	106. (a)	107. (d)	108. (a)	109. (d)	110. (b)
111. (c)	112. (d)	113. (a)	114. (d)	115. (c)	116. (d)	117. (a)	118. (b)	119. (d)	120. (a)
121. (a)	122. (b)	123. (c)	124. (d)	125. (b)	126. (b)	127. (a)	128. (d)	129. (b)	130. (a)
131. (c)	132. (b)	133. (a)	134. (d)	135. (b)	136. (d)	137. (a)	138. (d)	139. (a)	140. (c)
141. (b)	142. (a)	143. (c)	144. (b)	145. (d)	146. (a)	147. (b)	148. (d)	149. (c)	150. (b)
151. (a)	152. (d)	153. (a)	154. (b)	155. (d)	156. (d)	157. (d)	158. (a)	159. (a)	160. (c)
161. (b)	162. (d)	163. (d)	164. (b)	165. (c)	166. (b)	167. (d)	168. (a)	169. (b)	170. (a)
171. (c)	172. (d)	173. (a)	174. (c)	175. (c)	176. (a)	177. (a)	178. (c)	179. (b)	180. (d)
181. (c)	182. (b)	183. (c)	184. (c)	185. (d)	186. (d)	187. (a)	188. (b)	189. (c)	190. (b)
191. (a)	192. (c)	193. (d)	194. (c)	195. (a)	196. (a)	197. (b)	198. (b)	199. (c)	200. (d)
201. (b)	202. (a)	203. (c)	204. (c)	205. (b)	206. (c)	207. (c)	208. (a)	209. (c)	210. (c)
211. (b)	212. (b)	213. (a)	214. (c)	215. (c)	216. (c)	217. (b)	218. (a)	219. (c)	220. (c)
221. (b)	222. (c)	223. (a)	224. (b)	225. (b)	226. (b)	227. (a)	228. (c)	229. (a)	230. (c)
231. (c)	232. (a)	233. (c)	234. (a)	235. (a)	236. (b)	237. (a)	238. (a)	239. (b)	240. (a)
241. (b)	242. (c)	243. (c)	244. (c)	245. (a)	246. (a)	247. (c)	248. (b)	249. (a)	250. (b)

Previous Years' Answers

1. (c)	2. (b)	3. (a)	4. (b)	5. (b)	6. (a)	7. (c)	8. (b)	9. (a)	10. (c)
11. (c)	12. (a)	13. (c)	14. (c)	15. (b)	16. (c)	17. (a)	18. (b)	19. (c)	20. (a)
21. (b)	22. (a)	23. (c)	24. (c)	25. (b)	26. (b)	27. (c)	28. (c)	29. (a)	30. (b)
31. (c)	32. (a)	33. (b)	34. (c)	35. (c)	36. (b)	37. (c)	38. (b)	39. (a)	40. (a)
41. (c)	42. (b)	43. (d)	44. (b)	45. (a)	46. (b)	47. (c)	48. (a)	49. (b)	50. (a)
51. (c)	52. (b)	53. (c)	54. (c)	55. (c)	56. (b)	57. (c)	58. (b)	59. (b)	60. (c)
61. (b)	62. (c)	63. (b)	64. (c)	65. (b)	66. (b)	67. (c)	68. (a)	69. (a)	70. (b)
71. (b)	72. (a)	73. (b)	74. (b)	75. (b)	76. (b)	77. (b)	78. (d)	79. (a)	80. (a)
81. (b)	82. (d)	83. (a)	84. (c)	85. (a)	86. (c)	87. (b)	88. (c)	89. (a)	90. (a)
91. (c)	92. (a)	93. (a)	94. (b)	95. (b)	96. (a)	97. (b)	98. (b)	99. (a)	100. (b)
101. (b)	102. (c)	103. (b)	104. (b)	105. (c)	106. (a)	107. (c)	108. (c)	109. (b)	110. (b)
111. (b)	112. (b)	113. (a)	114. (a)	115. (c)					