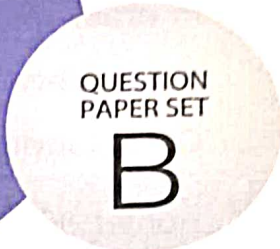




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Q.16: Fill in the blank.
My father went _____ to buy some milk.
A. there **B.** their **C.** they're **D.** these
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16. ● (B) (C) (D)

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A. Noun

B. Adjective

C. Verb

D. Conjunction

9. I don't want to share my room with anybody.

A. Noun

B. Pronoun

C. Conjunction

D. Adverb

FOR QUESTIONS 10 AND 11, CHOOSE THE PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT HAS AN ERROR.

10. It was the great and informative workshop.

A. It was

B. the great

C. and informative

D. workshop.

11. Start the engine of the car by turn the key.

A. Start the

B. engine of

C. the car by

D. turn the key.

FOR QUESTIONS 12 AND 13, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

12. A. Monufactre

B. Maunufacture

C. Manufacture

D. Manufcatuer

13. A. Lagendray

B. Legendary

C. Lagandery

D. Legendray

14. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF APPARENT.

A. Obvious

B. Unclear

C. Hidden

D. Remote

15. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF PREFER.

A. Pick

B. Select

C. Raise

D. Reject

READING

FOR QUESTIONS 16 TO 20, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

– National Geographic

The African wild dog also goes by the names “Cape hunting dog or painted dog”. Like a zebra’s unique stripe pattern or a human’s fingerprints, no two dogs have the same markings on their coat. Mottled with red, black, brown, white and yellow patches of fur, the effect is as striking as it is essential to survival.

Like satellite dishes, the large, rounded ears of African wild dogs turn around to detect minute sounds in the distance. Another way African wild dogs differ from domestic dogs is that they only have four toes per foot. They can **sprint** after prey at speeds of up to 44 miles an hour.

African wild dogs live and die for their family—literally. Though the bigger the clan, the more efficient the hunt, non-breeding adults sacrifice their own nourishment to ensure the pups in the group get enough to eat and grow. Subsequently, these generous elders tend to gradually become malnourished and die younger than their peers in packs with fewer offspring.

Even with their finely honed hunting skills, African wild dogs count among the world’s most endangered mammals. According to the IUCN Red List, only around 6,600 wild dogs remain, mostly in Tanzania, northern Mozambique, and southern Africa. The biggest threats facing the species come from their increased contact with humans: habitat loss, villagers seeking revenge against killed livestock, and viral diseases contracted from domestic dogs.

African wild dogs work together in packs of 6 to 20 or more to hunt antelopes and even larger prey such as wildebeests. These highly social beasts communicate with each other by touch, actions, and vocalizations—before a hunt, you can see them playfully circling each other and seeming to psych each other up for the endeavour. They’re also one of the few mammals that care for the old, sick and disabled members of the pack.

16. How is an African wild dog similar to a zebra?
- A. Both have black and white stripes on their bodies.
 - B. Both are grass eating animals.
 - C. Both have unique patterns on their bodies.
 - D. Both have big ears and short tail.
17. Choose the statement which is correct.
- A. African wild dogs work together in packs of 6 to 20 or more to hunt.
 - B. African wild dogs have small round ears.

- C. African wild dogs live for their own survival only.
- D. African wild dogs sprint after prey at speeds of up to 40 miles an hour.

18. According to the passage, before a hunt, African wild dogs communicate with each other by _____.

- A. barking at each other
- B. wagging their tail and looking at the prey
- C. touch, actions, and vocalizations
- D. howling at the prey

19. Which of the following is not a threat to the African wild dogs' lives?

- A. Habitat destruction
- B. Villagers seeking revenge against killed livestock
- C. Viral diseases contracted from domestic dogs
- D. Zero contact with humans

20. In the passage, the word 'sprint' means _____.

- A. to run at a very fast speed
- B. to walk slowly
- C. to tilt right and left
- D. to crawl on the land

FOR QUESTIONS 21 TO 25, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

One day, a boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young girl opened the door.

Instead of a meal, he asked for a glass of water. She thought he looked hungry, so she brought him a large glass of milk.

He drank it slowly and then asked, "How much do I owe you?"

"You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother taught us never to accept payment for kindness."

"Then I thank you from the bottom of my heart," he replied.

As the boy left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in humanity had been restored. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Years later, that young girl became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease.

Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately, he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room.

Dressed in his doctor's gown, he went in to see her. After meeting her, he went back to the consultation room, determined to save her life. From that day on, he gave all his attention to her case.

After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested that the business office pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it and then wrote something in the margin, and the bill was sent to her room.

She feared opening it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally, she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She began to read the following words: Paid in full with one glass of milk. Signed by Dr. Howard Kelly.

21. Choose the statement which is incorrect.
- A. The boy decided that he would ask for a meal at the next house.
 - B. The young girl said, "Mother taught us never to accept payment for kindness."
 - C. The boy's faith in humanity had been shattered.
 - D. After many years, the young girl became critically ill.
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22. According to the passage, when Dr. Kelly heard the name of the town the girl came from, _____ filled his eyes.
- A. tears
 - B. darkness
 - C. a fear of danger
 - D. a strange light
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23. According to the passage, Dr. Kelly requested that the _____ pass the final bill to him for approval.
- A. young girl
 - B. business office
 - C. other doctors
 - D. girl's parents
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24. Why did the local doctors send the girl to the city?
- A. Because they were baffled by her rare disease case.
 - B. Because her parents requested for an expensive treatment.
 - C. Because they did not want to save her life.
 - D. Because they were not paid by her.

25. Find a word from the passage that means the same as 'confused'.

- A. Restored B. Baffled C. Determined D. Feared

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 26 TO 30, CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

26. Teacher : Do your parents know that you _____ late today?

Student : Yes, ma'am.

- A. have B. will C. will be D. was

27. Shreya : My science project is not as _____ as yours.

- A. bigger B. big C. biggest D. very big

28. Sameer : This book is mine. I _____ my name on it.

Shyam : Oh, okay! Here, take it.

- A. has B. had C. have D. having

29. Kiran : _____ did you reach so fast?

Ramesh : I took a taxi.

- A. When B. Why C. How D. What

30. Teacher : _____ student is supposed to take only one sheet.

- A. Both B. Each C. Such D. All

ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 31 AND 32, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

31. No one stays in the apartment next to ours. It has been _____ for a few months.

- A. void B. idle C. absent D. vacant

32. Neither the teacher nor the students _____ able to give a satisfactory explanation.

- A. is B. have C. were D. has

33. CHOOSE THE PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT HAS AN ERROR.

Our father is taking us out for the dinner tonight.

A. Our father

B. is taking

C. us out for

D. the dinner tonight.

34. CHOOSE THE SYNONYM OF PLACATE.

A. Worry

B. Incite

C. Soothe

D. Trouble

35. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Phoebe : All of us _____ Kitty as she is very humble.

Elena : I agree.

A. liking

B. likes

C. liked

D. like



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