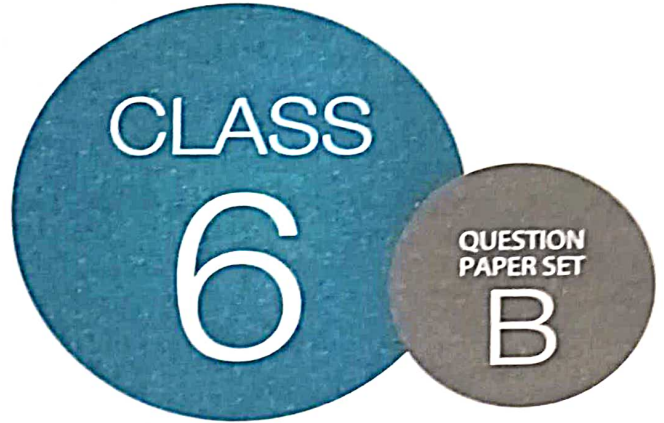


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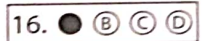
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- A.** to fetch **B.** learn **C.** show **D.** to learn

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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 16, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE.

1. The _____ of any vehicle down the slope makes me sick.
 - A. space
 - B. motion
 - C. gauge
 - D. power

2. They put _____ in a stressful situation on their own.
 - A. themself
 - B. theirsself
 - C. theirselves
 - D. themselves

3. The coach has _____ decided who will captain the team in the upcoming tournament.
 - A. already
 - B. frequent
 - C. near
 - D. ever

4. Whenever the sky looks _____, I feel something bad is going to happen.
 - A. solvent
 - B. hazard
 - C. monotonous
 - D. pollutant

5. Harish gave us useful advice on how to stay _____ grounded and humble.
 - A. a
 - B. an
 - C. the
 - D. no article

6. _____ being a haughty teenager, he does not even respect his parents.
 - A. Beside
 - B. Besides
 - C. Only
 - D. Next to

7. _____ the rain stops, we won't be able to attend the family function.
 - A. So
 - B. Since
 - C. Unless
 - D. As well as

8. The crew will _____ their job efficiently by the time we reach there.
 - A. has been done
 - B. done
 - C. be done
 - D. have done

9. When my turn came to deliver the speech, I _____ in front of everyone.
 - A. chickened out
 - B. chickened upon
 - C. chickened down
 - D. chickened for

10. Do I _____ remind you to return the book to the library on time?
 - A. should
 - B. need to
 - C. can
 - D. ought

11. The annual increase in the GDP is approximately the same as what I have _____.
 - A. estranged
 - B. exhausted
 - C. estimated
 - D. embraced

12. Patrick _____ short sentences when he was 3 years old.
 - A. has been reading
 - B. has been read
 - C. was reading
 - D. is reading

13. It was his _____ to pay for my broken windowpane, as he was the one who hit the ball.
 - A. duty
 - B. responsibility
 - C. obligation
 - D. liability

- A. nature
- B. responsible
- C. obligation
- D. moral

14. She _____ comes late to the office, but surprisingly, she is early today.

- A. usually
- B. shockingly
- C. rarely
- D. sharply

15. The making of the movie _____ off because of the horrible controversy that happened on the set.

- A. was calling
- B. has been called
- C. has called
- D. have been calling

16. The doctor said, "Take your medicines on time."

The doctor advised me _____.

- A. that take my medicines on time
- B. if I can take my medicines on time
- C. taking my medicines in time
- D. to take my medicines on time

FOR QUESTIONS 17 AND 18, CHOOSE THE APPROPRIATE MEANING FOR THE FOLLOWING IDIOM/PROVERB.

17. 'Draw the line' means _____.

- A. to reach the highest point
- B. to set a boundary for something
- C. to earn a living
- D. to set free others from their duties

18. 'The devil to pay' means _____.

- A. the serious consequences of one's action
- B. to pay the debt entirely
- C. the urge to do something wrong
- D. to be bankrupt

FOR QUESTIONS 19 AND 20, CHOOSE THE PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT HAS AN ERROR.

19. Richa finally excepted his proposal and decided to marry him in a close-knit ceremony.

- A. Richa finally excepted
- B. his proposal and decided
- C. to marry him
- D. in a close-knit ceremony.

20. As citizens of this country, it is our responsibility to keep our surroundings clean of a healthy environment.

- A. As citizens of this country,
- B. it is our responsibility
- C. to keep our surroundings clean
- D. of a healthy environment.

FOR QUESTIONS 21 AND 22, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

21. Materialistic things do not please me anymore.

Which type of adjective is used in the given sentence?

- A. Distributive adjective
- B. Quantitative adjective
- C. Qualitative adjective
- D. Indefinite adjective

22. I didn't wake up early to do my morning yoga because I slept late last night.

Which type of adverb is used in the given sentence?

- A. Adverb of time
- B. Adverb of degree
- C. Adverb of manner
- D. Adverb of frequency

FOR QUESTIONS 23 AND 24, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORD.

23. Every person deserves a second chance in life.

- A. Adverb
- B. Pronoun
- C. Adjective
- D. Preposition

24. The life of the middle class is indeed full of struggle.
- A. Noun
 - B. Adverb
 - C. Adjective
 - D. Pronoun

FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

25. A. Chauffeur
B. Chauffeur
C. Choupheur
D. Chaueffure
26. A. Oppugnant
B. Opuganant
C. Oppugnent
D. Opugnant

FOR QUESTIONS 27 AND 28, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

27. Doughty
- A. Courtly

- B. Gritty
- C. Heroic
- D. Compliant

28. Bestial
- A. Boorish
 - B. Humane
 - C. Feral
 - D. Savage

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

29. Erudite
- A. Uncultured
 - B. Ignorant
 - C. Literate
 - D. Common
30. Inimical
- A. Assisting
 - B. Hospitable
 - C. Adverse
 - D. Favourable

READING

FOR QUESTIONS 31 TO 35, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Offering an intensely evocative and aptly titled narrative, 'Dancing with Death' both guides and inspires armchair adventurers as well as venturesome travellers to the jungles, seas, people and cultures of the world's "roads" less travelled within the beautiful panoramas of Latin America. Co-authored by co-adventurers Jean-Philippe Soulé and Luke Shullenberger, this dynamic read memorializes not only their experiences during their expansive sea kayaking journey but also serves to help bring awareness to the cultures and histories of the seldom seen or noted native people they encountered.

From the start, the story treats the mind to the emotions and visages entwined in this thrilling narrative, which memorializes the unforgettable and awe-inspiring expedition by sea touted as a one-of-a-kind undertaking. Author, guide, and adventurer Jean-Philippe Soulé, accompanied by fellow adventurer and able friend Luke Shullenberger, find themselves and their kayaks sorely tested by weather, tides, and their bodies as they paddle thousands of miles, braving often life-threatening conditions including near drowning, malaria, shark attacks, crocodiles, guerrillas, armed bandits and corruption during their one-of-a-kind undertaking. The overall journey, spanning three years, 3000 miles and seven countries, included Baja.

Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama. The expedition, fully titled as the Central America Sea Kayaking Expedition 2000 but also known as the CASKE2000, was a quest intended as an effort to connect with, learn about, and preserve in writing the history of the self-reliant indigenous people and their respect for and relationship with the earth.

Overall, the book provides an absorbing view of life for the two sea-bound kayakers. Readers are made privy to the challenges, successes, and failures of their journey supplied via their intimate thoughts and experiences through the inclusion of their alternating journal entries, which I found did well to enhance the read by providing deep insight and focus to emotions with differing perspectives concerning the elements of planning, preparation, and embarking on the expedition.

Altogether, I did enjoy reading *Dancing with Death*. The book was easy to engage with and well organized. I found the narrative an intelligently composed chronicle and compelling read that riled the senses with descriptive exposition and well-organized literate visions of superhuman determination, extreme travelling adventure, fraught kayaking adventure, spine-tingling moments, exotic environments and, intriguing people and cultures.

I also enjoyed their close-up encounters with wildlife, which made for particularly exciting reading, especially the section on playing hide and seek with giant sea turtles. Additionally, aside from portraying a phenomenal travel super-adventure, included in the book are some of the most stunning photos that I have seen, as well as the additional perk of a fantastically organized website where you get to experience even more details of their

journey. However, the very best aspect of the book is its inspirational tone. The authors, although faced with the adversity and danger of their expedition, did not quit. They simply followed their dreams, which is a must I think, for all travellers. I definitely and heartily recommend this for fans of travel books.

31. Why do you think the book is aptly titled "Dancing with Death"?
- A. Because of the dangerousness of their travelling.
 - B. Because they were travelling despite their illnesses.
 - C. Because they wanted to die but couldn't die.
 - D. Because they thought that they will be killed on the way.
32. What does the term 'armchair' as used in "inspires armchair adventurers" mean?
- A. Someone who is not familiar with the outside world
 - B. Someone lacking practical or direct experience of a particular subject/activity
 - C. Someone who works from home
 - D. Someone without any physical strength to do any work
33. Which statement is not true according to the passage?
- A. The writer highly recommends travel book lovers to read *Dancing with Death*.
 - B. The book also contains stunning photos of the places the co-authors have visited.
 - C. The book was easy to engage with and well organised.
 - D. The very best aspect of the book is its subduing tone.
34. What is the meaning of the word 'indigenous'?
- A. Foreign
 - B. Migrant
 - C. Expatriate
 - D. Aboriginal

35. What was the aim of the CASKE2000?
- A. To try to explore more about the South American continent and set a world record
 - B. To ensure they explore the South American continent before anyone else
 - C. To connect with, learn about the history and have a written record about the indigenous people and their relationship with earth
 - D. To keep a promise made to their families and friends

FOR QUESTIONS 36 TO 40, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Consider every thought you have as a suggestion, not an order. Right now, my mind is suggesting that I feel tired. It is suggesting that I give up. It is suggesting that I take an easier path.

If I pause for a moment, however, I can discover new suggestions. My mind is also suggesting that I will feel very good about accomplishing this work once it is done. It is suggesting that I will respect the identity I am building when I stick to the schedule. It is suggesting that I have the ability to finish this task, even when I don't feel like it.

Remember, none of these suggestions are orders. They are merely options. I have the power to choose which option I follow.

Relative to the time in your normal day or week, nearly any habit you perform is over quickly. Your workout will be finished in an hour or two. Your report will be typed to completion by tomorrow morning. This article will be finished in just a moment.

Life is easier now than it has ever been. 300 years ago, if you didn't kill your own food and build your own house, you would

die. Today, we whine about forgetting our phone charger.

Maintain perspective. Your life is good, and your discomfort is temporary. Step into this moment of discomfort and let it strengthen you.

Theodore Roosevelt famously said, "Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." So often, it seems that we want to work easily at something worth doing. We want our work to be helpful and respected, but we do not want to struggle through it. We want our stomachs to be flat and our arms to be strong, but we do not want to grind through another workout. We want the final result, but not the failed attempts that preceded it. We want the gold, but not the grind.

Anyone can want a gold medal. Few people want to train like an Olympian.

And yet, despite our resistance to it, I have never found myself feeling worse after the hard work was done. There have been days when it was so hard to start, but it was always worth finishing. Sometimes, the simple act of showing up and having the courage to do the work, even in an average manner, is a victory worth celebrating.

Life is a constant balance between giving into the ease of distraction and overcoming the pain of discipline. It is not an exaggeration to say that our lives and identities are defined by this delicate balance. What is life if not the sum of a hundred thousand daily battles and tiny decisions to either gut it out or give it up?

The moment when you don't feel like doing the work is not a moment to be thrown away. This is not a dress rehearsal.

This moment is your life as much as any other moment. Spend it in a way that will make you proud.

36. Select the sentence that uses the word 'whine' correctly.
- A. They whine merrily and dine together.
 - B. The students whine their voices dry.
 - C. The little girl gave a small whine when left alone.
 - D. The whine of the people was the symbol of success.
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37. The speaker wants us to know that the mind's suggestions are not orders but _____.
- A. options
 - B. realities
 - C. opinions
 - D. facts
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38. What did Theodore Roosevelt say about life's best prize?
- A. The chance to do work that pays the most
 - B. The chance to work hard at something worth doing
 - C. Doing work that provides success to everyone

D. Work done that enables a greater pension scheme

39. Consider the given statements and choose the correct option.
- Statement I: Life is a constant balance between giving into the ease of distractions and overcoming the pain of discipline.
- Statement II: Everyone wants the end product the success, but not everyone is ready to grind through the arduous process.
- A. Both the Statements I and II are correct and are related.
 - B. Both the Statements I and II are incorrect and are not related.
 - C. Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
 - D. Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.
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40. What is the synonym of the word 'accomplishing'?
- A. Achieving
 - B. Suffering
 - C. Modifying
 - D. Collecting

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

41. Ashok: I was _____ leaving the place when you came here.
- A. even
 - B. just
 - C. too
 - D. now
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42. Receptionist: How can I help you, sir?
Visitor: May I know in _____ room Mrs. Priya Sharma is staying?
- A. why
 - B. when

C. which
D. where

43. Theo: The code of conduct is _____ at this college, so don't even try to unfollow it.
- A. hard and slow
 - B. hard and fast
 - C. easy and hard
 - D. fast and slow
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44. Anjali: You have _____ my intentions. I have no interest in buying that property.
- A. be misunderstanding
 - B. misunderstands
 - C. misunderstand
 - D. misunderstood

45. Lovey: In our first meeting, I was the one who initiated the conversation and _____.
- A. broke the table

- B. breakaway
C. broke the ice
D. broke the water

ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 46 AND 47, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE.

46. A man remains narrow-minded, _____, and ignorant until he learns from his mistakes.

- A. self-love
B. self-complacent
C. selfless
D. self-confidence

47. If you were in my shoes, you _____ worse than I did in this situation.

- A. would have reacted much
B. would be reacting more
C. would reacted much
D. would have reacting more

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

- Abnegate
A. Abandon

- B. Unload
C. Preserve
D. Relinquish

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

- Pedagogic
A. Dubious
B. Dogmatic
C. Ordinary
D. Imprecise

50. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Peach: Sheena is such a _____; she never understands our latest lingo.

- A. lane buddy
B. goody-goody
C. fuddy-duddy
D. buddy-ready



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