

# PRACTICE SET 1

A Whole Content Based Test for Class 10th English Asiad

## Section I. Reading

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

### The Skater

Aaron went in search to a place to skate. It felt totally bizarre to be walking down a narrow country road, his skateboard hanging from his fist. Ragged cattle eyed him, a slow crow sailed overhead, its call hanging like a streak of rust. Aaron's sneakers, dark blue and worn, looked wildly out of place. In Melbourne they'd looked fine, but out here in the sticks they looked as if they were a long way from home. What the hell, he thought; he liked the contrast.

Walking over a hill Aaron saw that the thin bitumen road levelled out below to wind through the low land like a struggling eel. A spine of new, black tar ran down its centre, stopping abruptly where the road turned to gravel and disappeared amongst endless low hills and stony gullies. Aaron put his board down.

He loved to skate. It wasn't the tricks or the scene or the image; Aaron Knott just loved to be moving, even if it wasn't far, even if it wasn't fast. When he was cruising, thoughts didn't come and go or ricochet, they stayed away for a while, blunted and dormant. Aaron liked not to think. It made a change from thinking too much.

Five times he rode the strip, cold air flapping his pants and baggy windcheater. Five times he pushed back up the slope, arriving at the top hot and breathless. He stood for a minute, taking it all in: grey cloud, green ground, patches of sunlight, the lake.

1. It is possible to tell that the road on which Aaron was skating \_\_\_\_\_ .  
A circled the lake  
B wound through the countryside  
C was completely sealed with bitumen D was wider than he had expected
2. Where did Aaron skate?  
A He skated past the lake several times.  
B He skated as far as the low hills.  
C He skated down the same hill repeatedly.  
D He skated to the edge of the stony gullies.
3. In which of the following does the writer use a simile?  
A 'Ragged cattle eyed him'.  
B 'hanging like a streak of rust'.  
C 'A spine of new, black tar'.  
D 'the road turned to gravel'.
4. The word 'ricochet' as it is used in the passage, is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
A rebound  
B dominate  
C irritate  
D react
5. The way that Aaron's sneakers are described suggests that Aaron \_\_\_\_\_.  
A was surprised when he saw how worn out the sneakers were  
B was embarrassed to wear the sneakers now that he was in the country  
C thought the sneakers were too old and it was time to replace them  
D enjoyed wearing the sneakers because they made him feel different

## Section II. Functional Grammar and Punctuation

**DIRECTION (Q 6-10)** Choose the part of the sentence that contains an error.

6. The new law is too stringent;/ it will be neither respected/or obeyed./ No error.  
A B C D
7. According to Hume,/it is not logic and reasoning/that determine our actions, but emotion./No error.  
A B C D
8. It will be hard to soothe your mother/ now that you have so aggravated her/ by refusing to take her  
A B C D  
 eminently sensible advice./ No error.
9. The presence of strong feeling,/ the cause of which is not fully understood,/ always has the effect of  
A B  
 making we human beings uneasy./ No error.  
C D
10. The tribesmen made offerings to placate the gods,/ whom, they believed,/ were angry with them.  
A B C D  
 / No error.

**DIRECTION (Q 11-32)** Choose the most appropriate option from the choices given below.

11. The director has had a new security system installed to protect the office from break-ins.  
 A A new security system has had to be installed to protect the office from break-ins.  
 B A new security system has been installed to protect the office from break-ins.  
 C A new security system has been installed by the director to protect the office from break-ins.  
 D To protect the office from break-ins, a new system of security has been installed.
12. I will have the air-conditioners in the bedrooms cleaned as they are very dusty.  
 A The air-conditioners in the bedrooms will have to be cleaned as they are very dusty.  
 B The air-conditioners in the bedrooms need to be cleaned as they are very dusty.  
 C The air-conditioners in the bedrooms will has to be cleaned as they are very dusty.  
 D The air-conditioners in the bedrooms has to be cleaned as they are very dusty.
13. She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 A talk me the plan out of  
 B talk out of me the plan  
 C talk me out of the plan  
 D talk out me of the plan
14. He suddenly saw Stuti \_\_\_\_\_ the room. He pushed his way \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd of people to get to her.  
 A across, through B  
 over, through C  
 across, across D over,  
 along
15. \_\_\_\_\_ me to get you some water?  
 A Would you like  
 B Should you like  
 C Shall you like  
 D Will you like
16. It's the third time she's been skating this week. She \_\_\_\_\_ really enjoy it.  
 A must B should  
 C ought to D had better
17. I'll be with you in \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 A one quarter of an hour  
 B a quarter of an hour  
 C a quarter of one hour  
 D a quarter of hour
18. \_\_\_\_\_ the food was inedible.  
 A A large amount of  
 B Many of  
 C A few number of  
 D A large number of

19. "Were the dogs well-behaved at the show?" the kennel owner said to Mr Gopal.
- The kennel owner asked Mr Gopal if the dogs had been well-behaved at the show.
  - The kennel owner asked Mr Gopal that the dogs had been well-behaved at the show.
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  - The kennel owner asked Mr Gopal that the dogs have been well-behaved at the show.
20. The officer told Kirti not to park in the no-parking zone.
- The officer said to Kirti, "Dare not park in the no-parking zone."
  - The officer warned Kirti, "Dare not park in the no-parking zone."
  - The officer said to Kirti, "Do not park in the no-parking zone."
  - The officer said to "Kirti, Do not park in the no-parking zone."
21. We shouldn't be difficult \_\_\_\_\_ they shouldn't be \_\_\_\_\_.
- either, or
  - and, either
  - either, -
  - or, -
22. Sharman was caught bullying. \_\_\_\_\_, he was punished.
- Moreover
  - Besides
  - As the result
  - As a result
23. \_\_\_\_\_ hard all year, so I felt that I deserved a holiday.
- I work
  - I'd been working
  - I worked
  - I'm working
24. When I saw the vase in the shop window, I knew it was exactly what I \_\_\_\_\_.
- looked for
  - look for
  - had been looking for
  - have looked for
25. I would say that about 50 per cent of the houses \_\_\_\_\_ major repairs.
- needs
  - need
  - needed
  - needing
26. An investigation of the circumstances surrounding her death \_\_\_\_\_ that she was murdered.
- suggest
  - suggests
  - suggested
  - suggesting
27. How long is it since I last saw you?
- It's been ages since I saw you.
  - How long back did I see you?
  - When did I last see you?
  - Is it long when I saw you?
28. I was silly to say that.
- I should not have said that.
  - I have been silly to say that.
  - That should not have been said.
  - That was silly to be said.
29. No more smoking, more exercise and lots of healthy food! This year I'm \_\_\_\_\_. I'll be the healthiest person you know, I promise!
- a clean bill of health
  - on the grapevine
  - out of condition
  - turning over a new leaf
30. If you refuse to believe that a real problem exists, you are said to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- like a red rag to a bull
  - get to grips with something
  - burying your head in the sand
  - turning a blind eye to something
31. Select the correctly punctuated sentence.
- Tanya's gran a formidable woman, always bought her chocolate, cakes, sweets and a nice fresh apple.
  - Tanya's gran a formidable woman always bought her chocolate, cakes, sweets and a nice fresh apple.
  - Tanya's gran, a formidable woman, always bought her chocolate cakes sweets and a nice fresh apple.
  - Tanya's gran, a formidable woman, always bought her chocolate, cakes, sweets and a nice fresh apple.
32. Select the correctly punctuated sentence.
- This is a crime story, the protagonist is a professional killer.
  - This is a crime story. The protagonist is a professional killer.
  - This is a crime story; the protagonist is a professional killer.
  - This is a crime story; The protagonist is a professional killer.
- DIRECTION (Q 33-40)** *Given below is an excerpt from an article. When you read it carefully, you will find some mistakes, which are underlined. Replace the mistakes by selecting the most appropriate option.*
- A recent article on 'Unidentified Flying Objects' or **33. UFO** is refreshingly sceptical. The author says that creatures from other planets are being **34. fairly suspected** of wanting to **35. control Earth**.
- Reports without sound evidence are eagerly believed. **36. Our doubt is reinforced** by

science fiction on television. The pseudo-scientific jargon in these series can be very convincing.

So can the scenes with their **37. traumatic effects**.

These factors blur the line between **38. comedy and tragedy**. Indeed, modern-day enthusiasm for anything remotely scientific has made us

**39. dependent** to high-tech hoaxes. This article by

**40. a psycho-scientist** gives some interesting new information.

- 33.** A 'UFO's  
B aliens  
C people from the other world  
D science now
- 34.** A truly suspected  
B unfairly suspected  
C doubtfully suspected  
D suspected

- 35.** A fire Earth                      B destroy Earth  
C invade Earth                  D reside on Earth
- 36.** A Our faith is reinforced  
B Our enthusiasm is reinforced  
C Our eagerness is reinforced  
D Our suspicion is reinforced
- 37.** A alien effects                      B special effects  
C technology                      D techno-savy
- 38.** A reality and dream  
B fact and fiction  
C virtual and real world  
D transitory and intransitory world
- 39.** A vulnerable                      B swayed  
C companion                      D tolerate
- 40.** A a bluffmaster  
B an alien scientist  
C a philosopher  
D an educational psychologist

### Section III. Vocabulary and Verbal Reasoning

**DIRECTION (Q 41-42)** Choose the pair of words that best expresses a relationship similar to that of the original pair.

- 41.** Fake : Authenticity  
A latent : manifestation  
B impenetrable : defense  
C preponderant : thought  
D retrograde : direction
- 42.** Erudite : Uneducated  
A fiery : flagrant  
B fervid : dispassionate  
C gullible : naive  
D dissonant : discordant

**DIRECTION (Q 43-44)** Choose the odd one out from the given set of words

- 43.** A intermittently                  B constantly  
C unceasingly                  D continually
- 44.** A manual                          B mental  
C physical                          D labour

- 45.** Dark clouds moved swiftly across the sky blotting out the sun. With no further warning, great cracks of thunder and flashes of lightning disturbed the morning's calm. Fortunately, the deckhands had already tied everything securely in place and closed all portholes and hatches or we would have lost our gear to the fury of wind and water.

On the basis of your inference, state which of the following statements is false.

- A The storm was unexpected  
B The storm came suddenly  
C It was windy  
D It was cloudy
- 46.** In the following question is given a statement followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement.
- Statement :** Unemployment allowance should be given to all unemployed Indian youth above 18 years of age.
- Assumptions :**
- I. There are unemployed youth in India who need monetary support.  
II. The government has sufficient funds to provide allowance to all unemployed youth. A Only assumption I is implicit  
B Only assumption II is implicit C Either I or II is implicit  
D Neither I or II is implicit

**DIRECTION (Q 47-48)** Each passage consist of six sentences. The first and sixth sentences are labelled as S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>6</sub>. The middle four sentences in each have been removed and jumbled up. These are labelled P, Q, R, S. Find out the proper order for the four sentences and select the correct option accordingly.

- 47.** S<sub>1</sub> In 1934, William Golding published a small volume of poems.  
 P During World War II (1939-45) he joined the Royal Navy and was present at the sinking of the Bismarck.  
 Q He returned to teaching in 1945 and gave it up in 1962, and is now a full time writer.  
 R In 1939, he married and started teaching at Bishop Wordsworth school in Salisbury.  
 S At first his novels were not accepted.  
 S<sub>6</sub> But *LORD OF THE FLIES*, which came out in 1954, was welcomed as “a most absorbing and instructive tale.”

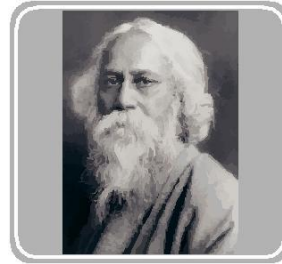


The proper sequence should be

- A RPQS                      B RPSQ  
 C SRPQ                      D SQPR

- 48.** S<sub>1</sub> As a dramatist Rabindranath was not what might be called a success.  
 P His dramas were moulded on the lines of the traditional Indian village dramas than the dramas of modern world.  
 Q His plays were more a catalogue of ideas than a vehicle of the expression of action.

- R Actually the drama has always been the life of Indian people, as it deals with legends of gods and goddesses.  
 S Although in his short stories and novels he was able to create living and well defined characters, he did not seem to be able to do so in dramas.  
 S<sub>6</sub> Therefore, drama forms an essential part of the traditional Indian culture.



The proper sequence should be

- A SRQP                      B QPSR  
 C QSPR                      D RSQP

**DIRECTION (Q 49-50)** Choose the correct option for the word underlined in each sentence.

- 49.** Many people have pointed out the harmful effects that a working mother may have on the family, yet there are many salutary effects as well.

Salutary means \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A well-known              B beneficial  
 C hurtful                      D side-effects

- 50.** During their training, police officers must respond to simulated emergencies in preparation for dealing with real ones.

Simulated means \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A made-up                      B mild  
 C actual                        D real

## Answers

1. (b)    2. (c)    3. (b)    4. (a)    5. (d)    6. (c)    7. (d)    8. (b)    9. (c)    10. (b)  
 11. (b)    12. (a)    13. (c)    14. (a)    15. (a)    16. (a)    17. (b)    18. (a)    19. (a)    20. (c)  
 21. (b)    22. (d)    23. (b)    24. (c)    25. (b)    26. (b)    27. (c)    28. (a)    29. (d)    30. (c)  
 31. (d)    32. (c)    33. (a)    34. (b)    35. (c)    36. (a)    37. (b)    38. (b)    39. (a)    40. (d)
41. (a) Something that is fake lacks authenticity. Similarly, something that is latent lacks manifestation.  
 42. (b) By definition, erudite is the opposite of uneducated. Similarly, by definition, fervid is the opposite of dispassionate.  
 43. (a) When something is intermittent it stops and starts, on and off and or again. The others mean never stopping.  
 44. (d) This is a noun, the rest are adjectives.  
 45. (a) The last sentence tells us that the deckhands had already tied everything down and closed all portholes and hatches. The sentence indicates the storm was expected.  
 46. (a) Assumption I directly follows the statement and so is implicit.

47. (a) 48. (c) 49. (b) 50. (a)

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