Practice Set ①

A Whole Content Based Test for Class 8th English Asiad

Directions for Q (1-5) *Read the passage carefully and select the option that you consider the most appropriate answer to each question.*

The Story of Aspirin

Before people started using aspirin as a drug to relieve pain, there was willow bark. About 400 BC, Hippocrates, the 'father of medicine', advised chewing it to ease the pain of childbirth. For centuries, people all over the world knew of its power to treat headache, fever and inflammation. However, they did not understand why it had this power.

Through the 19th century, Chemistry became an important development in science. In Germany in the 1820s, the magic chemical in willow bark was isolated and named *salicin*. Later in the century, a drug, *acetylsalicyclic acid*, was developed, but no one really knew what to do with it. Some people tried a crude form of the drug which, they said, burned in their stomachs like acid.

Then a young chemist at the German chemical firm of Bayer & Company decided to try *acetylsalicyclic acid* on his father, who had arthritis. The wonder drug, aspirin, was born!

Why it was named *aspirin* is still debated. One theory is that the word came from *spiraea*, the plant from which *salicin* was actually isolated. The first aspirin tablets that people could buy from chemists' shops appeared at the beginning of the 20th century.

Questions

1. What does the first sentence of the passage tell us?
   a People have always known about both willow bark and aspirin as pain relievers.
   b People used willow bark to ease pain before aspirin was developed.
   c Long ago, people knew how to use aspirin to relieve pain.
   d Since ancient days people knew how to extract aspirin from willow bark.

2. In the second sentence of the passage, the word 'it' refers to _____.
   a a drug   **b** medicine
   c aspirin   **d** willow bark

3. According to the passage, Hippocrates knew _____.
   a why willow bark could ease pain
   b how willow bark could be processed
   c what willow bark could be used for
   d All of the above

4. The word 'wonder' used in the third paragraph is nearest in meaning to _____.
   a marvellous   **b** admiration
   c surprise   **d** sensation

5. According to the passage, "The wonder drug, aspirin, was born!" when a young German chemist _____.
   a was able to produce *acetylsalicyclic acid*
   b was able to prevent his father's arthritis
   c used *acetylsalicyclic acid* to reduce his father's pain
   d produced a drug combining *salicin* and *acetylsalicyclic acid*

6. *In the passage below, the first and last sentences are identified as A and Z. The remaining four sentences are labelled as P, Q, R and S. Find the correct sequence of these four sentences and select the correct option accordingly.*

A The Hound of the Baskervilles was feared by people of the area.
P The animal's shadowy silhouette did not reveal any details about it.
Q Nobody had in reality seen the hound.
R Some people spoke of seeing a huge, shadowy form of a hound at midnight on the moor.
S And they spoke of it in tones of grave horror.
Z Thus the hound remained a perplexing mystery.
   a PQRS   **b** QPSR   **c** RPQS   **d** RSQP

7. *Find the option which is different from the others in any respect in the four given options. This means that one of the four given options does not belong to the group of the other three.*
   a Duckling   **b** Chicken
   c Goat   **d** Calf

Directions for Q (8-9) *Select the option having the meaning nearest to the idioms underlined in the given sentences.*

8. The celebratory party got <u>out of hand</u>, so we had to abruptly end it.
- **a** out of control
- **b** short of food
- **c** short of hands
- **d** restrained

9. Karan was <u>in hot water</u>, as he forgot to finish his homework.
- **a** clean
- **b** bathed properly
- **c** happy
- **d** in trouble

10. *Change the sentence given below into reported speech and accordingly select the best option.*

"I slipped and fell down the stairs yesterday", said Sharmila.
- **a** Sharmila remarked that she had slipped and fallen down the stairs yesterday.
- **b** Sharmila said that she has slipped and fallen down the stairs yesterday.
- **c** Sharmila said that she had slipped and fallen down the stairs the previous day.
- **d** Sharmila was saying that she slipped and fell down the stairs the previous day.

11. *Change the sentence given below into a simple sentence and accordingly select the best option.*

It was raining heavily, so many trains were cancelled.
- **a** It was raining heavily due to which many trains were cancelled.
- **b** On account of heavy rains, many trains were cancelled.
- **c** Accounting for the heavy rains, many trains were cancelled.
- **d** Many trains were cancelled due to the heavy rain.

12. *Change the sentence given below to passive voice using the underlined verb as subject and accordingly select the best option.*

They still deny <u>women</u> the right to vote in Switzerland.
- **a** Switzerland does not allow women to have voting rights.
- **b** Switzerland does not allow women to have the right to vote.
- **c** Women in Switzerland can't vote.
- **d** Women are still denied the right to vote in Switzerland.

Directions for Q (13-14) *Find the synonyms for the words underlined in the sentences below and accordingly select the best option.*

13. The <u>benevolent</u> industrialist offered many scholarships for bright school students to study medicine.
- **a** generous
- **b** industrious
- **c** helpful
- **d** kind

14. The homes of the Bedouins are <u>portable</u> because the tribe is nomadic.
- **a** temporary
- **b** tough
- **c** transportable
- **d** convenient

Directions for Q (15-16) *Identify the grammatically incorrect sentence from the given options.*

15.
- **a** The constructed new bridge took three years.
- **b** Animals make the most complicated homes.
- **c** The result of the first experiment was satisfactory.
- **d** Eradication of poverty is the need of the hour.

16.
- **a** His rudeness reinforced my determination to leave him.
- **b** She was in complete bewilderment when her husband suddenly left her.
- **c** This drug has absolutely no chemical similarity to any other drug.
- **d** Names of players who will be included in team have been announced.

Directions for Q (17-18) *Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate modal and accordingly select the best option.*

17. You _____ to be punctual.
- **a** should
- **b** ought
- **c** would
- **d** must

18. He _____ play cricket in his youth.
- **a** used to
- **b** was used to
- **c** is used to
- **d** were used to

Directions for Q (19-20) *Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate article (a / an / the / no article required) and accordingly select the best option.*

19. Hearing the speech of their leader, the crowd was in _____ state of Euphoria.
- **a** a
- **b** an
- **c** the
- **d** no article required

20. "Please lay _____ extra plate for dinner", Malti told her cook.
- **a** a
- **b** an