

**Direction (1-5):** Read the given passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the four given alternatives.

Culture is defined as a people's way of life. It entails how they dress, how they speak, the type of food they eat, the manner in which they worship, and their art among many other things. Indian culture, therefore, is the Indians' way of life. Because of the population diversity, there is immense variety in Indian culture. The Indian culture is a blend of various cultures belonging to diverse religions, castes; regions follow their own tradition and culture. Indian Culture is one of the oldest cultures in the world. India had an urban civilization even during the Bronze age. The Indus Valley Civilization (Harappan Civilization) dates back to 3300 BC – 1300 BC. Distinct cultures different from each other co-exist together in a single country. Thus, in India, there is unity amidst vast cultural diversity. The way people live in India is reflected in its culture. India is a land of unity in diversity where people of different sects, caste and religion live together. India is also called the land of unity in diversity as different groups of people co-operate with each other to live in a single society. Unity in diversity has also become the strength of India.

**Q1. Why there is a unity amidst cultural diversity in India?**

- (a) The way people live in India is reflected in its culture
- (b) Indian Culture is one of the oldest cultures in the world
- (c) India had an urban civilization
- (d) Distinct cultures different from each other co-exist together in a single country.

**S1. Ans.(d)**

**Q2. According to the passage, which of the following is TRUE about unity in diversity?**

- (a) Unity in diversity has also become the strength of India
- (b) India used to be a land of unity in diversity
- (c) Indians have moved on from unity in diversity thing.
- (d) Unity in diversity is a unique feature of India.

**S2. Ans.(a)**

**Q3. Culture entails \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) A luxury experience in life
- (b) How people dress, speak, what they eat, how they worship, and their art among many other things
- (c) To date back to 3300 BC – 1300 BC
- (d) Different groups of people co-operate with each other.

**S3. Ans.(b)**

**Q4. What is another name for Harappan Civilization?**

- (a) Mohenjodaro Civilization
- (b) Indus Valley Civilization
- (c) Nalanda Civilization
- (d) Mayan Civilization

**S4. Ans.(b)**



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**Q5. What is the reason behind immense variety in Indian culture?**

- (a) It is Indian's way of life
- (b) India is oldest culture in the world
- (c) Because of the population diversity
- (d) Indians like to follow different cultures.

**S5. Ans.(c)**

**Direction (6-10): Read the given passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the four given alternatives.**

A growing demand for organics, and the near-total reliance by US farmers on genetically modified corn and soybeans, is driving a surge in imports from other nations where crops largely are free of bioengineering. Imports such as corn from Romania and soybeans from India are booming, according to an analysis of US trade data released Wednesday by the Organic Trade Association and Pennsylvania State University. That shows a potential market for US growers willing to avoid the use of artificial chemicals and genetically modified seeds, said Laura Batcha, chief executive officer of the association, which includes Whole Foods Market Inc., Whitewave Foods Co. and Earthbound Farm LLC. The report is "a help-wanted sign" for US farmers, Batcha said. "There are market distortions that are pretty striking." Most of the corn and soybean shipments become feed for chickens and cows so they can be certified organic under US Department of Agriculture guidelines. Organic poultry and dairy operators shun feed made with seeds from Monsanto Co. and other domestic suppliers in favor of foreign products even as the US remains the world's top grower of corn and soybeans. As a result, imports to the US of Romanian corn rose to \$11.6 million in 2014 from \$545,000 the year before. Soybean imports from India more than doubled to \$73.8 million. Rising consumer demand in what's been a niche market is creating shortages, pushing companies that supply farms needing organic feed to seek out foreign sources. About 90% of US corn and soybean is bioengineered, thus automatically ineligible for the organic label.

**Q6. What is driving a surge in imports from other nations?**

- (a) A growing demand for organics.
- (b) A rumor spread by US Trade Data.
- (c) Newly launched genetically modified seeds.
- (d) Push from export-import companies.

**S6. Ans.(a)**

**Q7. Why is 90% of US corn ineligible for the organic label?**

- (a) Because they are imported.
- (b) Because they are bioengineered.
- (c) Because they don't pass the test.
- (d) Because they are not popular.

**S7. Ans.(b)**

**Q8. What is an irony mentioned in the passage?**

- (a) Most of the corn and soybean shipments become feed for chickens and cows so they can be certified organic under US Department of Agriculture guidelines.
- (b) Rising consumer demand in what's been a niche market is creating shortages, pushing companies that supply farms needing organic feed to seek out foreign sources.
- (c) Imports such as corn from Romania and soybeans from India are booming, according to an analysis of US trade data released Wednesday by the Organic Trade Association.
- (d) Organic poultry and dairy operators shun feed made with seeds from domestic suppliers in favor of foreign products even as the US remains the world's top grower of corn and soybeans.

**S8. Ans.(d)**

**Q9. Organic poultry and dairy operators refused to buy seeds of which company?**

- (a) Earthbound Farm LLC.
- (b) Whitewave Foods Co.
- (c) Monsanto Co.
- (d) Whole Foods Market Inc.

**S9. Ans.(c)**

**Q10. According to the passage, which of the following statement is NOT TRUE?**

- (a) The near-total reliance by US farmers on genetically modified corn and soybeans is driving a surge in imports.
- (b) Soybean imports from India more than doubled to \$73.8 million.
- (c) Imports to the US of Romanian corn rose to \$11.6 million in 2014 from \$545,000 in 2012.
- (d) US remains the world's top grower of corn and soybeans.

**S10. Ans.(c)**

**Direction (11-15): Read the given passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the four given alternatives.**

The Divine Comedy is a narrative poem describing Dante's imaginary journey. Midway on his journey through life Dante realizes he has taken the wrong path. The Roman poet Virgil searches for the lost Dante at the request of Beatrice; he finds Dante in the woods on the evening of Good Friday in the year 1300 and serves as a guide as Dante begins his religious pilgrimage to find God. To reach his goal, Dante passes through Hell, Purgatory and Paradise. The Divine Comedy was not titled as such by Dante; his title for the work was simply Commedia or Comedy. Dante's use of the word "comedy" is medieval by definition. To Dante and his contemporaries, the term "comedy" meant a tale with a happy ending, not a funny story as the word has since come to mean. Dante and Virgil enter the wide gates of Hell and descend through the nine circles of Hell. In each circle they see sinners being punished for their sins on earth; Dante sees the torture as Divine justice. Dante first travels through circles of hell and then through 3 rings before entering the 8th circle. Then there are 9 bowge before Dante reached the 9th circle. After 9th circle Dante has to travel 4 more regions. On Easter Sunday, Dante emerges from Hell. Through his travels, he has found his way to God and is able, once more, to look upon the stars.

**Q11. To reach god, Dante has to pass through which of the following?**

- (a) Hell, Purgatory and Paradise.
- (b) Hell and Paradise.
- (c) Purgatory and Paradise.
- (d) Wrong path in the woods.

**S11. Ans.(a)**

**Q12. Which of the following is considered as Divine Justice by Dante?**

- (a) Hell
- (b) Torture
- (c) Sins
- (d) Purgatory

**S12. Ans.(b)**

**Q13. On which day Dante starts his journey to find God?**

- (a) Easter Sunday
- (b) Good Friday
- (c) Christmas
- (d) Doomsday

**S13. Ans.(b)**

**Q14. Which of the following is NOT correct according to the passage?**

- (a) The Divine Comedy was not titled as such by Dante.
- (b) On Easter Sunday, Dante emerges from Hell.
- (c) Virgil finds Dante in the woods on the evening of Good Friday in the year 1200.
- (d) Dante first travels through circles of hell and then through 3 rings before entering the 8th circle.

**S14. Ans.(c)**

**Q15. What does the word comedy meant in the medieval period?**

- (a) Funny Story
- (b) Happy Ending
- (c) Funny Drama
- (d) Happy Movie

**S15. Ans.(b)**

**Direction (16-30): The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.**

**Q16. Due to poor organic matter**

P- in soil is below the required

Q- incorporation, organic carbon

R- level in most parts of India

- (a) RPQ
- (b) PQR
- (c) QPR
- (d) PRQ

**S16. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'QPR'.

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**Q17.** Out-of-the-box statecraft

P- economic growth

Q- would bring dividends

R- in peace of mind, savings and

(a) RQP

(b) QRP

(c) PRQ

(d) PQR

**S17. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'QRP'.

**Q18.** Is our national identity

P- needs to be shrouded in a

Q- of such a loose character that it

R- cloak of anodyne conformity?

(a) QPR

(b) RQP

(c) PQR

(d) PRQ

**S18. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'QPR'.

**Q19.** This is what comes

P- who sits below the Finance Minister

Q- and not consulting the economist

R- out of not knowing economics

(a) QRP

(b) RQP

(c) PRQ

(d) PQR

**S19. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'RQP'.

**Q20.** The pith helmets

P- gone, but the blood

Q- has never dried

R- may have long

(a) RPQ

(b) RQP

(c) PQR

(d) QPR

**S20. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'RPQ'.

**Q21.** Once these are passed

P- to moneylenders in cases where the interest paid

Q- by farmers/farm laborers on the loan availed is equal to the principal amount

R- by the House, loans will be deemed as 'already paid'

(a) PRQ

(b) QPR

(c) QRP

(d) RPQ

**S21. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'RPQ'.

**Q22.** Uneven distribution

P- of unsuitable station or other personal reasons, as well as corruption in

Q- the transfer process, all have solution in a transparent policy

R- of teachers, inconvenience caused to them because

(a) PQR

(b) PRQ

(c) RPQ

(d) RQP

**S22. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'RPQ'.

**Q23.** Scientists have developed

P- a simple piece of paper to spring to life - bending

Q- folding or flattening itself on command

R- a low-cost technology that allows

(a) PRQ

(b) RQP

(c) QPR

(d) RPQ

**S23. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'RPQ'.

**Q24.** It secured support from

P- government, a significant development in itself

Q- other sections of the

R- opposition, and defeated the

(a) QPR

(b) QRP

(c) PRQ

(d) PQR

**S24. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'QRP'.

**Q25.** Every government wants  
P- all, they have so many votes  
Q- to shower favors on  
R- farmers; after

- (a) RQP
- (b) PQR
- (c) PRQ
- (d) QRP

**S25. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'QRP'.

**Q26.** The party has not just  
P- vacated space for other  
Q- being steadily hollowed out ideologically  
R- political parties, but it is also

- (a) PRQ
- (b) RQP
- (c) QPR
- (d) QRP

**S26. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'PRQ'.

**Q27.** If per capita income is taken  
P- as the measure then we are  
Q- away from 'great power' status  
R- still some distance

- (a) PRQ
- (b) PQR
- (c) QPR
- (d) RPQ

**S27. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'PRQ'.

**Q28.** India has already made  
P- substantial concessions  
Q- to enable a consensus  
R- for the Paris pact

- (a) QRP
- (b) PQR
- (c) RPQ
- (d) QPR

**S28. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'PQR'.

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**Q29.** One will need to watch what  
P- happens in the United States  
Q- presidential elections  
R- after the forthcoming

- (a) RPQ
- (b) QRP
- (c) PRQ
- (d) QPR

**S29. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'PRQ'.

**Q30.** Three examples will  
P- suffice as evidence  
Q- of her backsliding  
R- on long held positions

- (a) QRP
- (b) RPQ
- (c) PRQ
- (d) PQR

**S30. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct sequence is 'PQR'.

**Directions (31-45): Four alternatives are given for the Idioms/Phrase printed in bold. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Idiom/Phrase.**

**Q31. In awe of**

- (a) Be confused
- (b) Respect
- (c) Follow the rules
- (d) In a dangerous position

**S31. Ans.(b)**

**Q32. Take a toll**

- (a) Have an adverse effect
- (b) Remain valid
- (c) To expect something
- (d) Make a start

**S32. Ans.(a)**

**Q33. Play havoc with**

- (a) To fight severely
- (b) Do something to help
- (c) Make an approximation
- (d) Disrupt

**S33. Ans.(d)**

**Q34. Make a pitch**

- (a) Pay attention
- (b) Try to persuade people to do something
- (c) Regardless of
- (d) Underline

**S34. Ans.(b)**

**Q35. Hard-pressed**

- (a) Bewildered
- (b) To be insulted because of lack of talent
- (c) Hard discipline
- (d) To struggle to do or accomplish something

**S35. Ans.(d)**

**Q36. To give currency**

- (a) To bestow importance
- (b) To misinterpret
- (c) To make publicly known
- (d) To originate

**S36. Ans.(c)**

**Q37. Slip through the crack**

- (a) To not be noticed or dealt with by a system
- (b) Try to persuade someone to do something by offering them a reward
- (c) To not go well with someone
- (d) To know about someone's secret

**S37. Ans.(a)**

**Q38. To take umbrage**

- (a) To feel excited
- (b) To be offended
- (c) To be satisfied
- (d) To be pleased

**S38. Ans.(b)**

**Q39. Get the axe**

- (a) Lose the job
- (b) To get a desirable position at your work place
- (c) Expert way of doing something
- (d) To make fast decisions

**S39. Ans.(a)**

**Q40. Get the show on the road**

- (a) To receive applaud for an act
- (b) To be reprimanded by parents
- (c) Putting up an idea into action
- (d) To achieve success suddenly

**S40. Ans.(c)**

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**Q41. Cut to the quick**

- (a) To live in an unfamiliar surrounding
- (b) Hurting someone deeply or offending them
- (c) Challenge someone in his own area
- (d) To force to a person who doesn't show his emotions

**S41. Ans.(b)**

**Q42. Not turn a hair**

- (a) Getting into tears because of someone's behavior
- (b) Doing something that will cause you your own failure
- (c) Not exhibiting any emotion where it is expected
- (d) Possibility of a bright future

**S42. Ans.(c)**

**Q43. To have one's heart in one's boots**

- (a) To be deeply depressed
- (b) To let out a secret
- (c) To get angry
- (d) To keep a secret

**S43. Ans.(a)**

**Q44. To speak daggers**

- (a) To praise someone
- (b) To indulge in a sincere talk
- (c) To speak to a person with hostility
- (d) None of the above

**S44. Ans.(c)**

**Q45. To get the hang of a thing**

- (a) To be extravagant
- (b) To learn to handle something with some skill
- (c) To find mistakes in one's work repeatedly
- (d) None of the above

**S45. Ans.(b)**

**Direction (46-50): In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.**

**Q46. Jason has the \_\_\_\_\_ of a movie star.**

- (a) jinx
- (b) charisma
- (c) flash
- (d) mysticism

**S46. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Jinx: bad luck

Charisma: a special power that some people have naturally that makes them able to influence other people and attract their attention and admiration.

Hence option B fits in the context.

**Q47. My husband has listed me as the \_\_\_\_\_ of his life insurance policy.**

- (a) predecessor
- (b) beneficiary
- (c) heir
- (d) inheritor

**S47. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Beneficiary: a person who derives advantage from something, especially a trust, will, or life insurance policy.

Hence option B is the most appropriate choice.

**Q48. Because a waterfall is so \_\_\_\_\_, people can sit and watch it for hours.**

- (a) enslaving
- (b) deviating
- (c) frantic
- (d) captivating

**S48. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Frantic: distraught with fear, anxiety, or other emotion.

Captivating: capable of attracting and holding interest; charming.

Hence option D is the correct choice.

**Q49. My mother likes to \_\_\_\_\_ me by showing everyone my baby pictures.**

- (a) stun
- (b) reprove
- (c) shame
- (d) embarrass

**S49. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Embarrass: cause (someone) to feel awkward, self-conscious, or ashamed.

Hence option D is the correct choice.

**Q50. I was taken \_\_\_\_\_ by the server's rude comment about my hair.**

- (a) away
- (b) from
- (c) aback
- (d) off

**S50. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Taken aback: Startled, astonished, shocked, or disconcerted.

Hence option C is the correct choice.

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