

Direction: In this section you have few short passages. After each passage, you will find some items based on the passage. First, read a passage and answer the items based on it. You are required to select your answer based on the contents of the passage and opinion of the author only.

Passage 1

Daily consumption of a certain form of curcumin improved memory and mood in people with mild, age-related memory loss. The research examined the effects of an easily absorbed curcumin supplement on memory performance in people without dementia, as well as curcumin's potential impact on the microscopic plaques and tangled in the brains of people with Alzheimer's disease. Found in turmeric, curcumin has previously been shown to have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties in laboratory studies. It has also been suggested as a possible reason that senior citizens in India, where curcumin is a dietary staple, have a lower prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and better cognitive performance.

Q21. Which of the following statements are true?

1. Senior citizens in India have high level of Alzheimer's disease because of consumption of turmeric.
2. Senior citizens in India do not have high prevalence of Alzheimer's because of consumption of turmeric.
3. Consumption of turmeric enhances cognitive performance.
4. Curcumin is an antioxidant.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 2, 3 and 4
- (b) 1, 3 and 4
- (c) 1 and 4 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only

S21. Ans.(a)

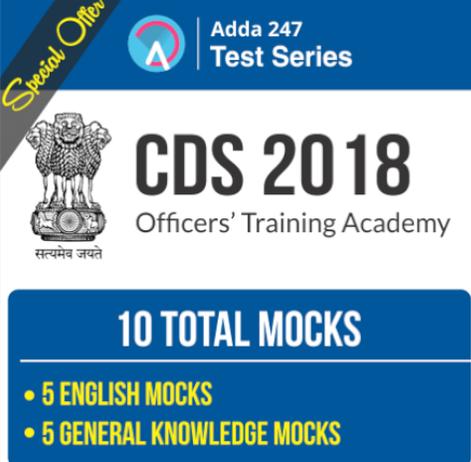
Sol. Except for statement 1, Statement 2, 3 & 4 are true as per the passage.

Q22. Curcumin has positive effect on people

- (a) without dementia
- (b) with Alzheimer's disease
- (c) without dementia and with Alzheimer's disease
- (d) with dementia and with Alzheimer's disease

S22. Ans.(c)

Sol. Refer to "The research examined the effects of an easily absorbed curcumin supplement on memory performance in people without dementia, as well as curcumin's potential impact on the microscopic plaques and tangled in the brains of people with Alzheimer's disease."



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Q23. Which word in the passage means 'earlier'?

- (a) Performance
- (b) Absorbed
- (c) Properties
- (d) Previously

S23. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to "Found in turmeric, curcumin has **previously** been shown to have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties in laboratory studies."

Q24. Eating turmeric

- (a) will reduce the chance of getting Alzheimer's disease
- (b) will increase curcumin
- (c) will enhance dementia
- (d) will reduce chance of getting cancer

S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. Refer to "curcumin is a dietary staple, have a lower prevalence of Alzheimer's disease".

Q25. _____ of a disease in a region depends on the food habits too.

- (a) Dominance
- (b) Prevalence
- (c) Affection
- (d) Death

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. Refer to "It has also been suggested as a possible reason that **senior citizens in India, where curcumin is a dietary staple, have a lower prevalence of Alzheimer's disease** and better cognitive performance".

Passage 2

Mr. Rowland Hill, When a young man, was walking through the Lake district, when he one day saw the postman deliver a letter to a woman at a cottage door. The woman turned it over and examined it, and then returned it, saying she could not pay the postage, which was a shilling. Hearing that the letter was from her brother, Mr. Hill paid the postage, in spite of the manifest unwillingness of the woman. As soon as the postman was out of sight, she showed Mr. Hill how his money had been wasted, as far as she was concerned. The sheet was blank. There was an agreement between her brother and herself that as long as all went well with him, he should send a blank sheet' in this way once a quarter, and she thus had tidings of him without expense of postage.

Q26. The story uses irony as a technique because

- (a) the woman returned her own brother's letter without opening it
- (b) the woman broke the agreement of receiving blank letters to convey well being of her brother
- (c) Mr. Hill accepted the letter addressed to the woman
- (d) in the modern times a brother has no time to write a letter to his own sister

S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B uses irony as a technique.

Q27. The woman returned the letter to the postman because

- (a) she could not pay the postage
- (b) the letter was not addressed to her
- (c) she already knew the contents of the letter
- (d) she hated the person who wrote the letter

S27. Ans.(c)

Sol. Refer to “There was an agreement between her brother and herself that as long as all went well with him, he should send a blank sheet’ in this way once a quarter, and she thus had tidings of him without expense of postage”.

Q28. Mr. Hill paid the postage because

- (a) the letter was from her brother
- (b) the woman was his relative
- (c) the letter was addressed to him
- (d) he wanted to be kind to her

S28. Ans.(a)

Sol. Refer to “Hearing that the letter was from her brother, Mr. Hill paid the postage, in spite of the manifest unwillingness of the woman”.

Q29. The envelope contained,

- (a) a currency note
- (b) two written sheets
- (c) no sheet at all
- (d) a blank sheet

S29. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to “As soon as the postman was out of sight, she showed Mr. Hill how his money had been wasted, as far as she was concerned. The sheet was blank.”

Q30. The woman and her brother had agreed that

- (a) the letter with no postage meant good news
- (b) the blank sheet meant being well
- (c) the blank sheet meant bad news
- (d) the letter with no postage meant unimportant news

S30. Ans.(b)

Sol. Refer to “There was an agreement between her brother and herself that as long as all went well with him, he should send a blank sheet”.

Passage 3

In good many cases unnecessary timidity makes the trouble worse than it needs to be. Public opinion is always more tyrannical towards those who obviously fear it than towards those who feel indifferent to it. A dog will bark more loudly and bite more easily when people are afraid of it than when they treat him with contempt, and the human herd has something of this same characteristic. If you show that you are afraid of them, you give promise of good hunting, whereas if you show indifference, they begin to doubt their own power and, therefore, tend to let you alone.

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Q31. If we are afraid of public opinion, the attitude of the people towards us is

- (a) sympathetic
- (b) indifferent
- (c) admiration
- (d) ruthless

S31. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to “Public opinion is always more tyrannical towards those who obviously fear it than towards those who feel indifferent to it”. Tyrannical means exercising power in a cruel or arbitrary way which is nearest to the meaning of ruthless which means having or showing no pity or compassion for others.

Q32. The statement, ‘A dog will bark more loudly and bite more easily when people are afraid of him, than when they treat him with contempt...’ implies that

- (a) barking dogs seldom bite
- (b) we should not be afraid of dogs
- (c) if we are afraid of others, they will leave us alone
- (d) if we are afraid of people, they will try to scare us more

S32. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to “A dog will bark more loudly and bite more easily when people are afraid of it than when they treat him with contempt, and the human herd has something of this same characteristic. If you show that you are afraid of them, you give promise of good hunting”.

Q33. The author compares men with dogs in respect of

- (a) attacking others without any reason
- (b) attacking others when they are weak
- (c) barking and biting
- (d) faithfulness to the master

S33. Ans.(b)

Sol. Refer to “In good many cases unnecessary timidity makes the trouble worse than it needs to be”. This sentence used in the passage implies attacking others when they are weak.

Q34. ‘..... you give promise of good hunting’ means

- (a) you are vulnerable
- (b) you are challenging
- (c) you are indomitable
- (d) you are confused

S34. Ans.(a)

Sol. Vulnerable: exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally and hence fits in the context.

Passage 4

We live in a curious age. We are offered glimpses of a world civilization slowly emerging, for example, the UN. special agencies dedicated to health and education. But along with these are sights and sounds that suggest that the whole civilization is rapidly being destroyed. Two official policies clash, and instantly embassies are attacked by howling mobs of students, at once defying law, custom and usage. And that this may not be merely so many hot-headed lads escaping all control, and may itself be part of the policy of the political parties, that is, mob antics as additional propaganda to deceive world opinion, makes the situation even worse. Parties have always been dishonest, but now it seems as if power-mania is ready to destroy those civilities that make international relations possible. There is something even worse. What inspires these students to burn cars and books is not their political enthusiasm but a frenzied delight in destruction, an urge towards violent demolition.

Q35. The author calls our age curious because

- (a) it is an age of science and scientists are curious by nature
- (b) it is witnessing the emergence of a world civilization
- (c) it is witnessing incidents that threaten to shake the very foundations of civilization
- (d) it is an age of contradictions consisting of constructive and destructive activities

S35. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to “We live in a curious age. We are offered glimpses of a world civilization slowly emerging, for example, the UN. special agencies dedicated to health and education. But along with these are sights and sounds that suggest that the whole civilization is rapidly being destroyed”.

Q36. It is deplorable to witness mob attacks on embassies following a clash of policies of two official policy makers because

- (a) students should not take part in politics, but should concentrate on their studies
- (b) they may result in the loss of lives of young and promising students
- (c) they are overlooked by the policy planners themselves
- (d) they are indicative of the complete failure of the government in controlling the rebellious students

S36. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to “Two official policies clash, and instantly embassies are attacked by howling mobs of students, at once defying law, custom and usage. And that this may not be merely so many hot-headed lads escaping all control, and may itself be part of the policy of the political parties, that is, mob antics as additional propaganda to deceive world opinion, makes the situation even worse”.

Q37. One aspect of the mob indulging in violence and arson is that they

- (a) destroy very costly things like vehicles
- (b) destroy very valuable artifacts and books
- (c) get a mad delight in destruction for the sake of destruction only
- (d) are motivated by certain political ideology to resort to destruction

S37. Ans.(c)

Sol. Refer to “What inspires these students to burn cars and books is not their political enthusiasm but a frenzied delight in destruction, an urge towards violent demolition”.

Q38. In the passage the word ‘demolition’ has the meaning as the word

- (a) defying
- (b) antics
- (c) destruction
- (d) urge

S38. Ans.(c)

Sol. Demolition: the act of destroying something.

Hence option C is the correct choice.

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