

Quiz Date: 30th August 2020

Directions (1-2): Four alternative summaries are given below each text. Choose the option that best captures the essence of the text. If none follows, choose (e) as your answer.

Q1. The human race is spread all over the world, from the polar regions to the tropics. The people of whom it is made up eat different kinds of food, partly according to the climate in which they live, and partly according to the kind in food which their country produces. In hot climates, meat and fat are not much needed; but in the Arctic regions they seem to be very necessary for keeping up the heat of the body. Thus, in India, people live chiefly on different kinds of grains, eggs, milk, or sometimes fish and meat. In Europe, people eat more meat and less grain. In the Arctic regions, where no grains and fruits are produced, the Eskimo and other races live almost entirely on meat and fish.

(a) Food eaten by people in different regions of the world depends on the climate and produce of the region, and varies from meat and fish in the Arctic to predominantly grains in the tropics.

(b) Hot climates required people to eat grains while cold regions require people to eat meat and fish.

(c) In hot countries people eat mainly grains while in the Arctic, they eat meat and fish because they cannot grow grains.

(d) While people in Arctic regions like meat and fish and those in hot regions like India prefer mainly grains, they have to change what they eat depending on the local climate and local produce.

(e) None of these.

Q2. You seemed at first to take no notice of your school-fellows, or rather to set yourself against them because they were strangers to you. They knew as little of you as you did of them; this would have been the reason for their keeping aloof from you as well, which you would have felt as a hardship. Learn never to conceive a prejudice against other because you know nothing of them. It is bad reasoning, and make enemies of half the world. Do not think ill of them till they behave ill to you; and then strive to avoid the faults which you see in them. This will disarm their hostility sooner than pique or resentment or complaint.

(a) The discomfort you felt with your school fellows was because both sides knew little of each other. You should not complain unless you find others prejudiced against you and have attempted to carefully analyze the faults you have observed in them.

(b) The discomfort you felt with your school fellows was because both sides knew little of each other. Avoid prejudice and negative thoughts till you encounter bad behaviour from others, and then win them over by shunning the faults you have observed.

(c) You encountered hardship amongst your school fellows because you did not know them well. You should learn not to make enemies because of your prejudices irrespective of their behaviour towards you.

(d) You encountered hardship amongst your school fellows because you did not know them well. You should learn not to make enemies because of your prejudices unless they behave badly with you.

(e) None of these.

Directions (3- 12): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words/phrases are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

On this day, 45 years ago, Lt General A.A.K. Niazi of the Pakistan Eastern Command signed an ___(3)___ of surrender accepting defeat at the hands of Indian forces. A photograph ___(4)___ the historical moment was gifted by Sheikh Hasina, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the latter's visit to Dhaka in June last year. The gesture was widely ___(5)___ in Pakistan. It is not surprising that past wars continue to divide the imagination of nation states to the present day. For instance, ritual ___(6)___ by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the Yasukuni

Shrine for the war dead invariably invite ___(7)___ from both China and South Korea—the two countries see the shrine as a symbol of Japan’s past militarism.

However, if the formerly warring nations have transformed their relationship, the symbols of war need not be shunned ___(8)___ . They can indeed be embraced to bring about a closure. It was in such a spirit ___(9)___ US President Barack Obama decided to visit Hiroshima, the first of two cities hit by American nuclear bombs in 1945. And now, Abe is planning to visit Pearl Harbour, the site of the Japanese attack that ___(10)___ the US into the World War II—which, of course, ended with the nuclear bombings.

Indo-Pakistan relations, however, are nowhere comparable to US-Japan ___(11)___ . Hence, it is natural that the photograph of the 1971 surrender being given as a gift is not a pleasant sight for the Pakistanis. But could this have been different? Yes, provided the leaders in Pakistan—both civilian and military—had drawn different lessons from the 1971 defeat ___(12)___ they did.

- Q3.(a) document
(b) instrument
(c) agreement
(d) accord
(e) petition

- Q4.(a) showing
(b) highlighting
(c) created
(d) featuring
(e) capturing

- Q5.(a) praised
(b) criticized
(c) resented
(d) censured
(e) respected

- Q6.(a) offerings
(b) beliefs
(c) practices
(d) exercise
(e) image

- Q7.(a) rebukes
(b) people
(c) applauds
(d) criticism
(e) options



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- Q8.(a) properly
(b) lately
(c) indefinitely
(d) invariably
(e) always

- Q9.(a) as
(b) because
(c) for
(d) that
(e) so that

- Q10.(a) drew
(b) asked
(c) forced
(d) affected
(e) empowered

- Q11.(a) rivalry
(b) relationship
(c) relations
(d) dealing
(e) connections

- Q12.(a) what
(b) about
(c) that
(d) how
(e) than

Directions (13 – 15): Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Q13. Auroras are natural light displays in the sky, usually at night, in the Polar regions.

- (a) watch, upward



- (b) noticed, peculiar
- (c) observed, only
- (d) found, most
- (e) follows, mainly

Q14. After the board examinations, students are up for the various entrance examinations for next month.

- (a) ready, timed
- (b) gearing, scheduled
- (c) prepared, programmed
- (d) set, duration
- (e) geared, kept

Q15. The governmental spurred dramatic improvements in the way where management is out in many hospitals.

- (a) rule, thrown
- (b) plans, conduct
- (c) crusade, done
- (d) efforts, carried
- (e) venture, disposed



Solutions

S1. Ans. (a)

Sol. Food eaten by people in different regions of the world depends on the climate and produce of the region, and varies from meat and fish in the Arctic to predominantly grains in the tropics.

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. The discomfort you felt with your school fellows was because both sides knew little of each other. Avoid prejudice and negative thoughts till you encounter bad behaviour from others, and then win them over by shunning the faults you have observed.

S3. Ans. (b)

Sol. "instrument" fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (e)

Sol. "capturing" fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

S5. Ans. (c)

Sol. "resented" fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S6. Ans. (a)

Sol. "offerings" fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (a)

Sol. "rebukes" fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S8. Ans. (c)

Sol. "indefinitely" fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S9. Ans. (d)

Sol. "that" fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S10. Ans. (a)

Sol. "drew" fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S11. Ans. (c)

Sol. "relations" fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S12. Ans. (e)

Sol. "than" fits the blank appropriately. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'observed, only' is the correct use where **observed** means to perceive (something) and register it as being significant.

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'gearing, scheduled' is the correct use because students start preparation after board examination for other entrance exams so, **gearing up** will be the correct word to use here.

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'Only **Efforts** and **plans**' leads to improvement but plans does not fit together with conduct. So, (d) is the correct answer.

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