

CLOZE COMPOSITION

Directions : Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space with four words or group of words given. Select whichever word or group of words you consider the most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the answer sheet accordingly.

The polythene bags _____ 1. (a) are non-biodegradable, i.e., they cannot
(b) become
(c) is
(d) were

be decomposed _____ 2. (a) by micro-organisms into manure. They
(b) through
(c) into
(d) in

remain as _____ 3. (a) they are even after years. Animals that started
(b) it is
(c) even
(d) after

eating waste food _____ 4. (a) besides with these polythene bags, ultimately
(b) beside
(c) thorough
(d) along

started dying _____ 5. (a) of their internal system was getting blocked.
(b) though
(c) because
(d) for

The Government had no alternative _____ 6. (a) yet to ban these polythene
(b) but
(c) so
(d) because

bags. It is _____ 7. (a) but also duty of the Government to look into this matter;
(b) ☒ still
(c) the
(d) yet

however, it is also the duty of each individual to _____ 8. (a) get it
(b) do it
(c) convene it
(d) ☒ see to it

that we _____ 9. (a) didn't use polythene bags. By using these we will
(b) weren't
(c) ☒ don't
(d) aren't

not only harm the environment but ourselves as well. Thus, say 'No' to plastic bags and contribute _____ 10. (a) by society.
(b) ☒ to
(c) into
(d) in

PREPOSITION AND DETERMINERS

Directions : Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space with four options. Select whichever preposition or determiner you consider the most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the answer sheet accordingly.

11. He succeeded _____ dint of perseverance and hard work.

- (a) by
- (b) for
- (c) on
- (d) upon

12. Due to his illness, he could not finish the work _____ time.

- (a) by
- (b) for
- (c) ☒ on
- (d) upon

13. There is no meaning _____ what you say.

- (a) by
- (b) for
- (c) in
- (d) on

14. These are good rules _____ live by.

- (a) with
- (b) to
- (c) in
- (d) on

15. He is the man I have been looking _____.

- (a) at
- (b) for
- (c) in
- (d) on

16. Don't loiter _____ the street.

- (a) near
- (b) around
- (c) in
- (d) on

17. Sit here _____ me.

- (a) by
- (b) beside
- (c) in
- (d) on

18. We mustn't shy _____ entry-level or freelance jobs as they help us gain an insight into the context in which a company operates.

- (a) in
- (b) with
- (c) away from
- (d) upon

19. Civil society and media have a major role in making the coalition work _____ the people.

- (a) for
- (b) about
- (c) with
- (d) over

20. He travelled _____ Mr. Joshi's car.

- (a) by
- (b) for
- (c) in
- (d) on

COMPLETION OF SENTENCE

Directions : The following items have one part of the sentence followed by four alternatives. Complete the sentences by choosing the correct alternative.

21. I asked two people the way to the station
(a) but neither of them could help me
(b) however none of them could show me the way
(c) yet they had doubts about the station
(d) nevertheless they couldn't guide me
22. The room was very warm
(a) because the AC was set to moderate temperature
(b) though the AC was set to very cold
(c) since the AC was not very warm in its temperature setting
(d) since the AC was in a very low temperature setting
23. We could leave today or we could leave tomorrow
(a) preferring what you want
(b) as you prefer one of the two
(c) depending on what you prefer
(d) whichever you prefer
24. Mohan and I couldn't get into the house because
(a) neither of us had the keys
(b) both of us do not have the keys
(c) either of us did not have the keys
(d) neither of us did have the keys
25. There are many good hotels, you can choose to stay in
(a) many of them
(b) any one of them
(c) either of them
(d) all of them
26. The bus service is very good; there is a bus
(a) after ten minutes
(b) in ten minutes
(c) before ten minutes
(d) every ten minutes
27. We live near a busy airport; the planes fly
(a) near our house
(b) by our house
(c) over our house
(d) around our house
28. Dan was very quiet. He didn't say a word
(a) all the evening
(b) the entire evening
(c) all the entire evening
(d) entire evening
29. I don't like stories
(a) which can have unhappy endings
(b) which had sad endings
(c) that have unhappy endings
(d) which are unhappy endings
30. Not everything
(a) that happened was my fault
(b) which happen was my fault
(c) what happened was my fault
(d) whatever happened was my fault

COMPREHENSION

Directions : In this section you have two short passages. After each passage, you will find some items based on the passage. Read the passage and answer the items based on it.

Passage – I

As to happiness, I am not so sure. Birds, it is true, die of hunger in large numbers during the winter, if they are not birds of passage. But during the summer they do not foresee this catastrophe, or remember how nearly it befell them in the previous winter. With human beings the matter is otherwise. I doubt whether the percentage of birds that will have died of hunger during the present winter (1946-47) is as great as the percentage of human beings that will have died from this cause in India and central Europe during the same period. But every human death by starvation is preceded by a long period of anxiety, and surrounded by the corresponding anxiety of neighbours. We suffer not only the evils that actually befall us, but all those that our intelligence tells us we have reason to fear. The curbing of impulses to which we are led by forethought averts physical disaster at the cost of worry, and general lack of joy. I do not think that the learned men of my acquaintance, even when they enjoy a secure income, are as happy as the mice that eat the crumbs from their tables while the erudite gentlemen snooze. In this respect, therefore, I am not convinced that there has been any progress at all.

31. The birds die of hunger in winter because
- (a) they do not move to warmer places
 - (b) people do not feed them
 - (c) they do not get the food of their choice
 - (d) they are too young to get the food
32. The birds do not foresee the catastrophe because they
- ~~(a)~~ cannot predict an accident
 - (b) overlook a difficult situation
 - (c) cannot expect a sudden disaster
 - (d) ignore the problems
33. Human beings cannot be happy because they
- (a) do not get time to enjoy
 - (b) worry too much about their work
 - (c) are not healthy
 - (d) worry too much about future
34. Which one of the following is the antonym of the word 'erudite' in the passage ?
- (a) Qualified
 - (b) Ill-educated
 - (c) Logical
 - (d) Learned
35. Which one of the following is the central theme of the passage ?
- (a) Life of the birds and the mice
 - (b) Starvation in India and central Europe
 - ~~(c)~~ Progress of mankind
 - (d) Disasters in 1946-47

Passage – II

More than eight months after the national lockdown was announced in late March, urban India is learning to live with the Covid-19 pandemic. In fact, indicating a positive outlook for the future, many survey respondents in a recent survey say they plan to return to pre-lockdown levels of shopping, personal grooming, going to cinemas and socializing as pandemic fears continues to recede.

The survey findings highlight that the suppression of consumer demand because of fears of job losses and salary cuts could be coming to an end. Increasingly, urban Indians are showing increased confidence about the future of the economy. This could be an indicator of the possible 'pent-up demand' that several economists have been talking about – a demand that could be unleashed once a vaccine is developed and distributed, or when there are signs of the pandemic's spread reducing to negligible levels or vanishing totally.

Around 65 per cent of respondents said they had settled into new routines, or that they saw signs of the situation improving, or they had come to terms with the pandemic and were moving on with their lives. And since the survey was conducted before the news of the successful trials of the Pfizer vaccine for the coronavirus was announced, it is likely that the consumers are now even more positive in their outlook about the future.

36. The general tone of the passage is that of
- ☒ (a) Optimism
 - (b) Pessimism
 - (c) Fatalism
 - (d) Defeatism
37. The willingness of consumers to go back to normal lifestyle indicates their
- (a) Casual attitude
 - (b) Change of moods
 - (c) Desire for future plans
 - ☒ (d) Sense of economic security
38. Which statement in the passage/phrase indicates that 'Life must go on'?
- ☒ (a) They settled into their new routines
 - (b) Salary cuts could be coming to an end
 - (c) People are moving on with their lives
 - (d) 'Pent-up demand'
39. What does the author mean by 'pent-up demand'?
- (a) Desire (suppressed) to spend money once pandemic is controlled
 - ☒ (b) Economic normalcy of consumers
 - (c) Flamboyant shopping by consumers
 - (d) Criticism of the public on the pay-cuts
40. What, according to the author, is the reason behind suppression of consumer demands?
- (a) The lack of vaccine till date
 - (b) Professional insecurity
 - ☒ (c) Motive to save up some money
 - (d) Careful and calculative attitude of the general public

ANTONYMS

Directions : Each item in this section consists of sentences with an underlined word followed by four words or group of words. Select the option that is **opposite in meaning** to the underlined word and mark your response on the answer sheet accordingly.

41. I am very particular about it.

- (a) quiet
- ☒ (b) vague
- (c) precise
- (d) minute

42. He has become paunchy.

- (a) stout
- (b) slim
- (c) plump
- (d) fat

43. This river originates from the Ganges.

- (a) inaugurates
- (b) culminates
- (c) initiates
- ☒ (d) emanates

44. The film I saw was hilarious.

- (a) tragic
- ☒ (b) serious
- (c) uproarious
- (d) jovial

45. On that day, pandemonium reigned in the hall.

- (a) hullabaloo
- (b) uproar
- (c) peace
- (d) accolade

46. The police detained me today amidst busy traffic.

- (a) impeded
- ☒ (b) released
- (c) confined
- (d) held

47. In my state of despair, I confessed everything.

- (a) despondency
- (b) determination
- (c) dependant
- (d) elation

48. He was accused by the entire community after he failed in the mission.

- (a) vindicated
- (b) incriminated
- (c) indicted
- (d) arraigned

49. There was much to boast about the quality of his work.

- (a) bluster
- (b) brag
- ☒ (c) deprecate
- (d) flaunt

50. He delivered an eccentric speech.

- (a) an odd
- (b) a peculiar
- (c) a normal
- (d) an idiosyncratic

PART OF SPEECH

Directions : Each of the following sentences has a word or phrase underlined. Read the sentences carefully and find which part of speech the underlined word belongs to. Indicate your response on the answer sheet accordingly.

51. They wandered around aimlessly.

- (a) Verb
- (b) Adjective
- (c) Intensifier
- (d) Noun

52. We went away after they had left.

- (a) Pronoun
- (b) Adjective
- (c) Intensifier
- (d) Conjunction

53. Public culture is associated with extremely new civil societies.

- (a) Adverb
- (b) Intensifier
- (c) Adjective
- (d) Noun Clause

54. You are paying less attention to your studies these days.

- (a) Adverb
- (b) Adjective
- (c) Intensifier
- (d) Noun

55. Why, is it really Sujata on the phone ?

- (a) Interjection
- (b) Adjective
- (c) Intensifier
- (d) Noun

56. Sit down and rest a while.

- (a) Adverb
- (b) Adjective
- (c) Intensifier
- (d) Noun

57. Rakesh is too old to run fast.

- (a) Adverb
- (b) Conjunction
- (c) Intensifier
- (d) Noun

58. For the next generation of interior architects and design graduates, work opportunities are immense.

- (a) Adverb
- (b) Adjective
- (c) Noun
- (d) Pronoun

59. Life is a solo fight, and each person makes his or her own journey.

- (a) Noun
- (b) Adjective
- (c) Intensifier
- (d) Adverb

60. The cat loves comfort.

- (a) Indefinite article
- (b) Definite article
- (c) Intensifier
- (d) Subject

SPOTTING ERRORS

Directions : Each item in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled as (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any underlined part and indicate your response on the answer sheet against the corresponding letter i.e., (a) or (b) or (c). If you find no error, your response should be indicated as (d).

61. Everything is going well; we didn't have any problem. No error.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
62. Lavanya hasn't gone to work yesterday. No error.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
63. Look! The boy over there wears the same sweater as you. No error.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
64. It begins to turn dark: shall I switch on the lights ? No error.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
65. Raman and Mitali have been married for twenty years. No error.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
66. I have played basketball for the past three hours. No error.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
67. Jamila had a book in front of her, but she didn't read it. No error.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
68. When she heard the news she hasn't been very pleased. No error.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
69. Where are you coming from ? Are you an American ? No error.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
70. I went to Canada a few years ago for a holiday. No error.
(a) (b) (c) (d)

ORDERING OF WORDS IN A SENTENCE

Directions : Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence, parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been labelled as P, Q, R and S. Given below each sentence are four sequences, namely (a), (b), (c) and (d). You are required to rearrange the jumbled parts of the sentence and mark your response accordingly.

- 71.** from Europe to America in 1992 his first voyage Columbus made
- P Q R S

- (a) S P R Q

- ~~(b)~~ S R P Q

- (c) P R S Q

- (d) Q R S P

72. scientists have the effects of warned us about climate change
P Q R S

- (a) R P S Q

- (b) R S P Q

- ~~(c)~~ P R Q S

- (d) Q S P R

73. speed is a potent cause industrial growth at a terrific in a big city of pollution
P Q R S

- (a) R S Q P

- (b) Q P R S

- (c) P R S Q

- (d) Q P S R

74. and garbage today our environment filth and squalor is in constant grip of
P Q R S

- (a) R P S Q
- (b) R S P Q
- (c) Q S P R
- (d) Q S R P

75. of corruption everywhere to ease out the monster it is the duty of the government
P Q R S

- (a) S Q R P
- (b) Q R S P
- (c) P R S Q
- (d) Q R P S

76. made the movement the poor visibility of the vehicles quite difficult
P Q R S

- (a) Q R P S
- (b) R S P Q
- (c) Q R S P
- (d) Q P R S

77. Mohan clearly I couldn't see only a few yards ahead though he was
P Q R S

- (a) R Q S P
- (b) R S P Q
- (c) P R S Q
- (d) S R Q P

78. both winter and summer extreme are truly here in India
P Q R S

(a) R P S Q

(b) S R Q P

☒ (c) S P R Q

(d) P S R Q

79. get crystallised the self and world view and physical space where basic ideas of
P Q R
public culture is a mental
S

(a) R Q P S

☒ (b) S R Q P

(c) S R P Q

(d) Q R S P

80. that he ordered the post was the first job he performed on reaching
P Q R
my release from jail
S

(a) R P S Q

(b) R S P Q

(c) P R S Q

☒ (d) R Q P S

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Directions : Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space and four words or group of words are given after the sentence. Select the most appropriate word or group of words for the blank space and indicate your response on the answer sheet accordingly.

81. Honesty is _____ on his face.
(a) wrote
(b) written
(c) writing
(d) writes
82. He lives _____ his pen.
(a) by
(b) with
(c) on
(d) off
83. Much water has run _____ the bridge since then.
(a) near
(b) about
(c) under
(d) in
84. The gun _____ with a loud noise.
(a) went on
(b) went off
(c) went about
(d) went around
85. They fought _____ the last man in the army.
(a) on
(b) from
(c) with
(d) to
86. Keep him _____ arm's length.
(a) at
(b) by
(c) for
(d) off
87. He succeeded _____.
(a) on himself
(b) by himself
(c) in the long run
(d) on the long run
88. Have you ever tried _____ a coconut tree ?
(a) climbing
(b) to climbing
(c) going on
(d) going up
89. He is a man _____ means.
(a) for
(b) in
(c) of
(d) above
90. He dislikes _____ punish his friends.
(a) have to
(b) having to
(c) for
(d) regarding

Directions : Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words. Select the option that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word and mark your response on the answer sheet accordingly.

91. He drowned in the flood water last year.
(a) swarmed
(b) swam
(c) submerged
(d) floated
92. Autumn is rather a dry season.
(a) arid
(b) humid
(c) rainy
(d) moist
93. Our differences are growing day by day.
(a) confabulations
(b) interferences
(c) disagreements
(d) discrepancies
94. The big tree hindered access of sunlight into the house.
(a) impeded
(b) shaded
(c) facilitated
(d) poured
95. The complexity of the issue baffled everyone.
(a) conclusion
(b) intricacy
(c) grievance
(d) complacency
96. He drank excessive amount of liquor.
(a) inculpable
(b) inordinate
(c) unreasonable
(d) innocuous
97. He initiated the dialogue.
(a) ordered
(b) interfered
(c) began
(d) planned
98. She looked pale after recovering from Covid-19.
(a) sallow
(b) ruddy
(c) glowing
(d) radiant
99. I overrule your proposal.
(a) wan
(b) veto
(c) weaken
(d) supersede
100. His behaviour shocked me.
(a) entreated
(b) pacified
(c) appalled
(d) scintillated

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

Directions : Given below are some idioms/phrases followed by four alternative meanings to each. Choose the most appropriate response from among (a), (b), (c) or (d), and mark your response in the answer sheet accordingly.

101. Forty winks

- (a) Winking forty times
- (b) Sleep disorders
- (c) Long sleeping hours
- (d) A short sleep during the day

102. Life in the raw

- (a) Life in its natural, unembellished state
- (b) Life at its easiest
- (c) Life that is complex
- (d) A daredevil's life

103. A paper tiger

- ☒ (a) A person or thing that appears threatening but is ineffectual
- (b) To threaten someone but do no harm
- (c) Environmental protection paper-work
- (d) To speak to people in a roaring voice

104. Penny-wise and pound-foolish

- (a) Wise to spend each penny carefully
- (b) Careful about small amounts but careless about large amounts
- (c) People who don't understand the importance of each penny
- (d) Careful about large amounts but careless about small amounts

105. Pin back your ears

- ☒ (a) To listen carefully to something
- (b) Person or organisation that pins important issues
- (c) To keep yourself away from hearing bad stuff
- (d) To clean your ears with a pin

106. Turncoat

- (a) Expert at altering coats
- ☒ (b) Someone who deserts one group to join another
- (c) A truly dishonest person
- (d) Going round and round in a court of law

107. Say your piece

- (a) Speak but don't listen
- (b) Speak in a talkative manner
- (c) Make your argument piece by piece
- (d) Express your opinion

108. Top-notch

- (a) The highest marking on a tree or a building
- (b) Person or organization that attracts only the top
- (c) Of highest possible quality
- (d) Person of integrity

109. Under the table

- (a) Work under difficult circumstances
- (b) Working undercover
- (c) Working under furniture
- (d) Making or receiving payments surreptitiously

110. At the drop of a hat

- (a) Clumsy person who drops hats everywhere
- (b) Suddenly and without much thought
- (c) Do something without much pressure
- (d) A happy and easygoing man

ORDERING OF SENTENCES

Directions : In this section each item consists of six sentences of a passage. The first and sixth sentences are given in the beginning as S1 and S6. The middle four sentences in each have been jumbled up and labelled as P, Q, R and S. You are required to find the proper sequence of the four sentences and mark your response accordingly on the answer sheet.

111. S1: An ideal citizen is one who establishes his standard in everything.

S6: He can be called a thorough gentleman.

P : Because he is a true patriot.

Q : Also, he can lay down his life for the honour of his country.

R : That he can make any sacrifice for his motherland.

S : He loves his country so much so.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) S R Q P
- (b) R P Q S
- (c) P Q R S
- (d) Q R S P

112. S1: There are multiple legal avenues for patients to indict doctors, but rarely is it the other way round.

S6: It is clear that patients have multiple avenues to pursue, should they feel an injustice has been perpetrated against them.

P : An FIR can be lodged against them under the section 304A of the Indian Penal Code.

Q : A compensation case can be filed in a consumer forum.

R : For one occurrence, there are multiple forums where doctors have to defend themselves.

S : For Instance, a complaint can be made to their employer.

The correct sequence should be

(a) P Q R S

(b) P S R Q

(c) R S Q P

(d) S R Q P

113. S1: Paragraphs are the building blocks of any write-up.

S6: Understanding of these makes one a good writer of paragraphs.

P : A paragraph need not be pages together in length.

Q : But actually a paragraph is a group of at least five sentences on the lower limit.

R : In reality, unity and coherence, not length, constitute a real good paragraph.

S : Many people define paragraphs in terms of their length.

The correct sequence should be

(a) Q P R S

(b) R Q P S

(c) S Q P R

(d) Q R S P

114. S1: Then what is necessary with regard to taming science and technology is :

S6: Then why do we not tame atomic energy to peaceful purposes ?

P : We must have the basic knowledge of the two.

Q : It is said, 'Science is a useful servant but destructive master'.

R : By the misuse of science, mankind will meet its doom quite soon.

S : If we do not harness it for the welfare of mankind, I am afraid, a total annihilation is a must.

The correct sequence should be

(a) S R Q P

(b) P Q S R

(c) R Q S P

(d) Q R S P

115. S1: Uttarakhand is vulnerable to disasters.

S6: The lack of ability to learn lessons from disasters, and the lack of any accountability, ensure the perpetuation of the situation.

P : The absence of necessary monitoring, early warning systems and the overall disaster management system add another layer of damages during the disasters.

Q : Major interventions act as force multipliers during such disasters.

R : The violation of legal and other prudent norms, further increases the damages.

S : Climate change is increasing these vulnerabilities.

The correct sequence should be

(a) S Q R P

(b) P Q S R

(c) Q S R P

(d) R P S Q

116. S1: Now only fifteen minutes were left.

S6: Our performance was excellent.

P : Thank God, we rubbed the word 'defeat' writ large on our forehead.

Q : It was a game of life and death.

R : Each one had concluded that we were going to lose.

S : It was a matter of minutes.

The correct sequence should be

(a) P S Q R

(b) P Q S R

(c) R P S Q

(d) R S Q P

117. S1: The river Ganga is very important for us culturally, spiritually, ecologically as well as economically.

S6: Journey in the right direction is firmly making progress, gathering momentum and becoming a people's movement.

P : It is rich in cultural heritage, natural splendour and biodiversity.

Q : People have used its water since the beginning of civilisation for different purposes.

R : It has most dense cultivation in its basin and is critical for ensuring food and water security.

S : We need to utilise its water for different purposes while ensuring that its natural ecology is protected, aquatic life thrives, and forests along the river remain rejuvenated.

The correct sequence should be

(a) Q R S P

(b) Q S R P

(c) R S Q P

(d) P R Q S

118. S1: The Republic Day in India falls on 26th January.

S6: He attends the march past.

P : The President of India takes the salute.

Q : It is organized at the India Gate.

R : People from far and wide come to witness it.

S : It is celebrated with great pomp and show.

The correct sequence should be

(a) P R S Q

(b) P Q S R

~~(c)~~ S R Q P

(d) R S Q P

119. S1: Different people have different hobbies.

S6: With hobbies, you spend time in a gainful way.

P : Thus, they say, as many people, so many hobbies.

Q : In due course, that becomes your hobby.

R : Whatever leisure time you get, you use that in creative activity.

S : Hobby is a leisure time activity.

The correct sequence should be

(a) P Q R S

(b) P Q S R

~~(c)~~ S R Q P

(d) R S Q P

120. S1: Life in a village is ideal.

S6: They can no longer be considered backward.

P : Our villages are no longer dirty.

Q : Moreover, they are disease-free.

R : Because, the village people are well-educated now.

S : Rather, they are highly clean and tidy.

The correct sequence should be

(a) S R Q P

(b) P S Q R

~~(c)~~ S R P Q

(d) R S Q P