

**Solution**

**S1. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** "Saran outlines his role in negotiating the Indo-U.S. deal: first as India's foreign secretary anointed to be the "secure and confidential channel between the U.S. president and our prime minister" and later as the prime minister's special envoy". Option D is correct.

**S2. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** "Saran also talks of China's inroads in Nepal where he was posted during 2002-04". option C is correct answer choice.

**S3. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** In the last line of the first paragraph, it reads: "Saran sees India's Nepal policy continuing to be "episodic and crisis-driven" and weak." hence, option A is correct answer.

**S4. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** innate: being a part of the innermost nature of a person or thing. Hence, option B is correct.

**S5. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** In the last paragraph, it is mentioned that "In our world today, where networking and not hegemony provides the power to influence global trends'.

**S6. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** In the first line of the third para, it is written: "On the flip side, he was not able to stop India from agreeing to a weak climate Paris Agreement of 2015 that shrunk our policy choices." Hence, option B is correct.

**S7. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The second line of third paragraph says: "The Rio Convention of 1992 recognized the historical responsibility of industrialized countries for bulk of emissions expecting only them to take on reduction targets while helping developing nations with finance and technologies."

**S8. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** hegemony: leadership or dominance, especially by one state or social group over others. hence, "self-government" in option A is correct opposite the given word. option A is correct answer choice.



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**S9. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** “On the flip side, he was not able to stop India from agreeing to a weak climate Paris Agreement of 2015 that shrunk our policy choices.” option C is correct answer choice.

**S10. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The given passage is written mainly about Mr. Saran. If you read the passage carefully, you will know that the passage is completely dedicated to Saran.

**S11. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** “The buzzword of police “reform” is upon us once again with the Union Cabinet approving a ₹25,000 crore outlay for upgrading the internal security apparatus in States.” Option B is correct option.

**S12. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Read first line of the second paragraph “It is big money, especially the Centre’s contribution of about 75%, with the promise that gaps in police transport, weaponry, communications, and forensic support among others will be met.”

**S13. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** “An umbrella scheme, ‘Modernization of Police Forces’, has been mentioned in the passage. Hence, option D is correct answer.

**S14. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** “Under the scheme, Jammu and Kashmir, the Northeastern States and those affected by Maoist violence are to receive special focus.” Option C is correct answer choice.

**S15. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** propagate: spread and promote (an idea, theory, etc.) widely. disseminate: spread (something, especially information) widely.

**S16. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Some men like to climb mountains because they know the trick of climbing.

**S17. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** To climb mountains is often difficult because paths are steep and uneven.

**S18. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** the mountain

**S19. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Two Italian prisoners escaped from the camp and climbed on the top of Mount Kenya to get the feeling of freedom.

**S20. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Mountaineering is not a very popular sport like football or cricket because it may take many hours or days.

**S21. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** He wanted to find out the whereabouts of Birbal

**S22. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Khaji thought of the idea that the marriage of wells should be conducted in a traditional manner

**S23. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Every village headmen did not reach to Akbar's marriage in the same way

**S24. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Akbar's intention behind his plan to perform the marriage was fulfilled

**S25. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** He wanted to know whether the marriage would be performed in a traditional manner

**S26. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** From the first two lines of the given paragraph, it is evident that "The locality, where the author lived, was near a coal mine." Hence, Option B is correct answer choice.

**S27. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Read these lines from the paragraph, "One day, the gang to which I belonged found itself engaged in a war with the white boys who lived beyond the tracks. As usual, we laid down our cinder barrage thinking this would wipe the white boys out." It is evident that "The author used the cinders for harassing the white boys."

**S28. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Read these lines from the passage, "We retreated. During the retreat, a broken milk bottle caught me behind the ear, opening a deep gash. The sight of blood pouring over my face completely demoralized our ranks." It is clear that. The weapons used by the whites in the gang fight were more dangerous than the author's.

**S29. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Read these lines from the passage, "We retreated. During the retreat, a broken milk bottle caught me behind the ear, opening a deep gash. The sight of blood pouring over my face completely demoralized our ranks." It is mentioned that a bottle hit them when they were retreating. "The author was hit by a broken bottle when the author's gang was withdrawing."

**S30. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The sight of blood pouring over my face completely demoralized our ranks. My fellow combatants left me standing paralyzed in the center of the yard and scurried for their houses. It is clear from the above lines that "At the sight of the author's bloody wound, his friends felt depressed and defeated."

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