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**GRAMMAR**

Q: 1 Choose the correct option to complete the sentence below.

It is better to prepare oneself well rather than write the exams without _____.

- 1** prepares **2** prepared **3** preparation **4** preparatory

Q: 2 In which sentence is the underlined word a proper noun?

- 1** I like to learn new languages.
2 I love to hear the French speak.
3 I am going to visit the school today.
4 I am known for my skill in languages.

Q: 3 Select the option that completes the sentence meaningfully.

Our country has made a lot of _____ in the past decade.

- 1** progress **2** progressed **3** progressive **4** progressively

Q: 4 Choose the correct option to complete the given sentence.

She bought five _____ of potatoes from the market.

- 1** packets **2** tins **3** kilos **4** jar

Q: 5 Which word in the given sentences is name for a group or collection?

He narrated the incident (i) with a lot of pride (ii). He said that he had seen a pride (iii) of lions in the jungle (iv).

- 1** incident in (i) **2** pride in (ii)
3 pride in (iii) **4** jungle in (iv)

Q: 6 Which of these words in the list below is NOT a noun?

garden, flowers, pleasant, leaf, petals, scent

- 1** garden **2** pleasant **3** petals **4** scent

Q: 7 In the given sentence, the underlined word is an example of what noun?

The advice given by the officials was very helpful.

- 1** proper noun **2** countable noun
3 compound noun **4** uncountable noun



Q: 8 Choose the correct option to complete both the sentences meaningfully.

I. I need to buy a new _____ of cards.

II. We spotted a _____ of wolves on our way.

1 herd

2 troop

3 pack

4 series

Q: 9 Choose the correct option to complete the given sentence.

After being stranded at the airport for 30 long hours, the officers and crew _____ too tired to fly back home.

1 is

2 are

3 was

4 were

Q: 10 Choose the correct pair of words for the sentence below.

The game of hopscotch _____ invented by the Romans, but we can see all around us that the children of today _____ still playing this game .

1 are - was

2 was - are

3 is - are

4 was - were

Q: 11 Choose the correct pair of words for the sentence below.

Ronnie _____ able to complete her degree with ease as she, as well as her friends, _____ regular in studies .

1 was - were

2 was - was

3 is - was

4 is - are

Q: 12 Choose the **CORRECT WORD** for the sentence below.

_____ your teacher angry with you for not completing your project?

1 Was

2 Were

3 Does

4 Would

Q: 13 Which of these newspaper headlines is in the past tense, passive voice?

1 Airlines Offer New Schemes

2 Hearing Adjourned after SC Ruling

3 Underground Work Won't Disrupt Traffic

4 BCC Team to Head for China

Q: 14 Choose the option that represents the given sentence without any change in meaning.

I was writing a letter to my sister.

1 A letter has been written by me to my sister.

2 A letter was written by me to my sister.

3 A letter is being written by me to my sister.

4 A letter was being written by me to my sister.



Q: 15 Choose the option that represents the given sentence without any change in meaning.

I have given him my book for two days.

- 1** My book has been given to him for two days by me.
- 2** My book was given to him for two days by me.
- 3** My book is given to him for two days by me.
- 4** My book had been given to him for two days by me.

Q: 16 Choose the option that rewrites the given sentence without any change in meaning.

A huge number of people visited the flower show in Lalbagh.

- 1** The flower show in Lalbagh is visited by a huge number of people.
- 2** The flower show in Lalbagh was visited by a huge number of people.
- 3** The flower show in Lalbagh has been visited by a huge number of people.
- 4** The flower show in Lalbagh had been visited by a huge number of people.

Q: 17 'The Union Government has declared many of these islands as reserved areas for tribal groups.'

The above sentence can also be written as:

- 1** Many of these islands have declared as reserve areas for tribal groups by the Union Government.
- 2** Many of these islands had been declared as reserve areas for tribal groups by the Union Government.
- 3** Many of these islands are declared as reserve areas for tribal groups by the Union Government.
- 4** Many of these islands have been declared as reserve areas for tribal groups by the Union Government.

Q: 18 Which of these sentences is in the passive voice?

- 1** We've already watched all the trailers.
- 2** He eats popcorn when he watches movies.
- 3** That detailed movie review was written by me.
- 4** Tomorrow, she will be buying our movie tickets.

Q: 19 Which of these sentences is in the active voice?

- 1** I was told by the zookeeper to sit silently.
- 2** The school organises a visit to the zoo every year.
- 3** Tigers are the animals that children get most excited by.
- 4** Some of the animals in the zoo haven't been visited by anyone.

Q: 20 Choose the correct pair of words to complete the given sentences.

The conference room ___ still not open. But isn't this the place where all the meetings ___ always held?

- 1** is.... are
- 2** was.... were
- 3** is.... were
- 4** was.... are

LETTER WRITING



Q: 21 You are Shaan/Shanaya. You recently ordered textbooks for your younger brother from [3] the company 'Children's Publication'. However, you got the books for a different class. Write a letter in 40-50 words to the company asking them to replace the books with the correct order.

PARAGRAPH WRITING

Q: 22 Write a paragraph on 'A Visit to a Monument' in 20-30 words. [2]

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

When the Ants Came Home

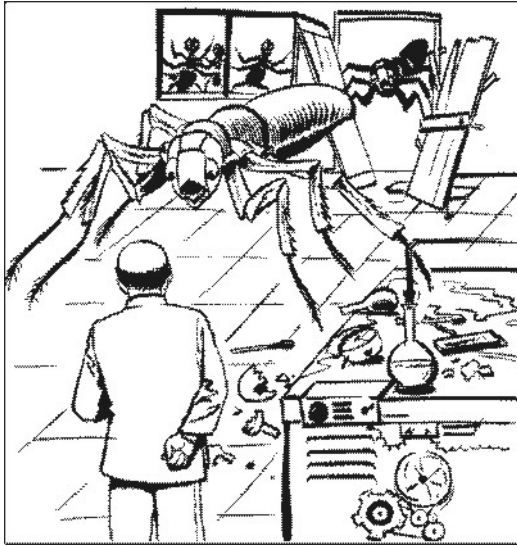
Seeing the ants rushing behind the lone survivor, I knew that our last minute in this world was at hand. I decided then that if I must die, let me die doing my last experiments. I ran into the laboratory and slammed the doors shut.

A few hours later, a sharp instrument cut around the door like a knife through butter and the door fell with a big noise. Six giant ants crawled in one behind the other. Standing on hind legs, the leader leaned on the table as if to study my experiment. The awful smell emanating from the insects' bodies made me push the leader away gently. Still, it did not try to attack me. But soon I felt my limbs slowly turning numb starting from the legs upward. It did not hurt; I only felt terribly tired and wanted to lie down and sleep. Before I fainted, I discovered that a colourless spray from a device attached to the front leg of the leader had caused this.

When I came to my senses, I found myself on a low cart that moved. A few field rats were pulling the cart as horses do. It was unbelievable how the ants ordered the rats to do all kinds of jobs. They took me to a broad tunnel - their community dining hall and restroom. This was how my prison life began.

I spent five long years in the ant world under the surface of the earth. By and by, I was allowed a certain degree of freedom. I can say I was even treated as a person of some importance. I found out why the ant world was silent. Our ears can only hear sounds of certain pitches within a certain range. The giant ants have a terribly high-pitched voice, much too high for the human ear. On the other hand, our pitch is too low for the ants to hear. With the help of a device attached to my ears, I began to hear the ants' voices. The leader taught me their language from morning to night.

One day, an earthquake shook the ground. The ants ran in all directions. I too ran till I was out of breath. The ground cracked under us again. I cried out desperately in the language of ants. Suddenly I stopped running and looked around. I was standing alone, about a kilometre from the seashore. This was the chance I was waiting for, my only chance! It was either escape or death. I ran to the seashore. I picked up some pieces of wood and old rope lying around, made some kind of raft, tied myself to the raft for fear of falling off it and drifted out into the sea. I was cold and hungry and was tossed about by the waves for four days till chance brought me near the Indian Liner *Yamuna*.



Source: '**When the Ants Came**' (edited) - Permendra Mitra (Translated by Enakshi Chatterjee) - Orient Longman, 1978

Q: 23 What opportunity did the earthquake provide the narrator? Answer in one sentence. [1]

Q: 24 Describe the emotions of the speaker in the first paragraph. Answer in one sentence. [1]

Q: 25 *A few hours later, a sharp instrument cut around the door like a knife through butter and the door fell with a big noise.* [1]

What does the underlined phrase mean in the context of the passage? Answer in one sentence.

Q: 26 Why do you think the speaker was treated with a certain level of importance by the ants? Answer in one sentence. [1]

Q: 27 What ONE trait would you use to describe the ants in the story? Answer in one sentence. [1]

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