

English Sample Paper

Section-1

Direction: In question nos. 1 to 5, you have one passage with 5 questions following the passage. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Born in Athens around 469 BCE, Socrates lived during the period of the city's greatest cultural expansion. Son of a midwife and sculptor, he was acquainted with the intellectual elite at the court of Pericles, ruler of Athens, despite his plebian origins. As a young man, Socrates studied philosophy, establishing a familiarity with the work of earlier Greek philosophers. Heraclitus and Parmenides are thought to have been particularly influential in his education. During the Peloponnesian War, he fought in several battles and received commendation for his actions.

By 423 BCE, Socrates was well-known in Athens, not so much for military distinction as for his non-traditional teaching methods. He did not keep a formal school, nor did he charge for his services. He was a popular guest at social gatherings, and could often be seen arguing against illogical reasoning and prejudice wherever people congregated. Socrates did not sympathize with the ascetics, he believed in enjoying life. He found fault with the Sophists, contemporary teachers who were willing to argue either side of any controversy and with whom he was often wrongly associated. Socrates believed that truth, beauty, and justice have objective content, and that we are born with an innate understanding of their existence. He taught his students to use their rational understanding to rediscover knowledge they already had. He also believed that a moral life brought men happiness, and that this morality was something that could be transmitted through education. He himself was fond of claiming that he knew nothing, which was his way of stating that he had no fixed doctrine. Socrates' alleged ignorance was called by the Greeks, *eironeia*, Socratic irony.

Q 1. Which of the following statements can be inferred from the passage?

- a) Socrates was the only son of a midwife and a sculptor.
- b) Socrates was a teacher.
- c) Socrates was against contemporary teachers.
- d) Socrates did not know anything.

Q 2. Why does the author mention that Socrates was well known but not so much for his military distinction?

- a) To clarify that his military distinction was not well deserved.
- b) To highlight the importance of non-military achievements for gaining popularity during those times.
- c) To underscore his contribution to the philosophy of his time.
- d) To showcase his social nature and his strong likes and dislikes.

Q 3. Which of the following is an apt synonym of 'contemporary'?

- a) Synchronous
- b) Predated
- c) Dynamic
- d) Static

Q 4. Which of the following is not supported by the passage?

- a) Some people associated Socrates with the Sophists.
- b) Socrates was popular for his military distinction in Athens.
- c) Socrates believed hard work and not money is the key to happiness.
- d) Socrates was a teacher.

Q 5. Which of the following statements would Socrates not agree to?

- a) Each individual has a natural understanding of justice which is unbiased.
- b) Fasting is a sure way of cleansing your mind and soul.
- c) Education is the key to happiness.
- d) Being rational helps you unearth the knowledge that you were born with.

Directions: In question nos. 6 to 10, you have a passage with 5 questions. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer

to each question out of the four alternatives.

Jim Corbett National Park, which is a part of the larger Corbett Tiger Reserve, a Project Tiger Reserve lies in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand. The magical landscape of Corbett is well known and famed for its tiger richness. Established in the year 1936 as Hailey National Park, Corbett has the glory of being India's oldest and most prestigious National Park. It is also being honored as the place where Project Tiger was first launched in 1973. Spans over an extent of 520 square kilometers, its whole area comprises of hills, marshy depressions, riverine belts, grasslands and large lakes. It is among the few tiger reserves in India that allow overnight stays in the lap of the National Park. Nature watch and wildlife viewing in the park are done in an open four wheeler Jeep and on elephant back. Sheltering a healthy population of tigers and rare species like Otters and the endemic fish eating crocodile, the national park is one of the most sought-after destinations for wildlife buffs. Dhikala, situated at the border of the extensive Patil Dun valley, is the most popular destination in Corbett because of its superb location and sheer abundance of wildlife presence.

If you love bird watching then Corbett is virtual haven for you. Corbett, along with its adjoining area, is home to more than 650 species of resident and migratory birds. Particularly, Dhikala is a fine place to look for birds of prey, more than over 50 species of raptors alone shows the healthy biodiversity of the area. Their multiplex behavior is intriguing and their varied songs are very pleasing to the ear. In a nutshell, this fine national park of India is well known for rich and varied wildlife including Royal Bengal tiger, elephant, four to five species of deer and rich birdlife.

Q 6. Corbett National Park is renowned for its

- a) natural beauty b) large lakes c) biodiversity d) tiger habitation.

Q 7. Which of the following statements is correct in the light of the passage?

- a) Corbett National Park was once plagued by the problem of poaching.
b) Corbett is India's first national park.
c) Unplanned urban growth has wrecked havoc in the Corbett National Park.
d) One of the problems of Corbett National Park is the problem of illegal encroachment.

Q 8. Which of the following options is correct?

- a) Corbett National Park was earlier known as Hailey National Park.
b) It is one of the national parks where Project Tiger was first launched in 1973.
c) The area of the Corbett National Park is less than half a thousand square kilometres.
d) Corbett National Park comprises mainly of grasslands.

Q 9. What is the writing style of the author?

- a) Incisive b) Critical c) Descriptive d) Analytical

Q 10. Corbett National Park is famous with bird watchers because

- a) the park is home to endangered birds.
b) the park is home to more than 650 species of resident and migratory birds.
c) one can spot the Golden Eagle here.
d) only migratory birds can be seen at the park.

Directions: In question nos. 11 to 15, you have a passage with 10 questions. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

I will never forget the moment I came face to face with him many years ago as a reporter for the Cape Times, South African news daily. It was an extraordinary event for me. He was then the president of South Africa and on a visit to the UK as a guest of the European Union. The meeting was in a Cardiff hotel suite and I found myself invited as part of a group of five "South African" correspondents to a breakfast with him.

It was awkward at first. I was relatively young and not South African at all. Mr. Mandela probably found that interesting and indulged me with an avuncular pat on the shoulder and a long handshake - much to my embarrassment as well as joy. His very presence was

awe-inspiring. As he entered a quite hush fell over the room. Here was a man who had freed his country from the last vestige of a racist regime. In doing so he not only rescued South Africa from a dangerous civil war but gave hope to millions who wanted nothing more than the right to live in freedom and dignity. This was a man who carried with him a sense of destiny and had the courage to suffer for it. At least twice during his 27 years behind prison he turned down his captors' conditional offers of release. So, when he did emerge, it was on his own terms. Some say the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) which he helped establish soon after his release was an act of compromise. Be that as it may, it was perhaps the only way to bring closure to the victims of apartheid without risking retribution. Not making such a compromise, Nelson Mandela knew, would condemn another generation of South Africans to a life of hate and violence. With a combination of moral force, conviction and example he convinced South Africans that the path to a better future was not through retribution but reconciliation. He also did something that no other African leader had done before him - make way for a successor by deciding, voluntarily, not to run for a second term.

None of that crossed my mind at the time, though, because it was a rare chance to bask in his presence. And despite his exalted status it was anything but intimidating.

Q 11. At what time of the day were the South African correspondents invited to Cardiff hotel?

- a) Morning b) Noon c) Evening d) Night

Q 12. Why was the author embarrassed by Mr. Mandela's long handshake?

- (I) He was the youngest reporter to meet Mr. Mandela over breakfast that day.
(II) He was the only Non-South African reporter present in the Cardiff hotel suite.
(III) He was meeting the president of South Africa on a foreign land.

- a) Only I b) I and II c) I, II and III d) None of the above

Q 13. Which of the following is a reason that made Nelson Mandela a unique African leader?

- a) He voluntarily decided to not run for a second term. b) He served 27 years of his life behind bars.
c) He turned down his captors conditional offers of release. d) He was a hope for millions of people.

Q 14. The author says that Nelson Mandela "had the courage to suffer for it". What is the suffering that he is referring to?

- a) He was born into a generation of hate and violence and wanted to reverse it.
b) He spent most of his life, which was destined to fight for his people, in the confines of four walls.
c) He saw turbulence in his personal life due to his actions aimed at freeing his country.
d) He turned down conditional offers of release at least twice during his 27 years of imprisonment.

Q 15. What was the rumor that followed Mr. Mandela's release?

- a) Mandela did not give into the conditions of his captors and came out of the prison on his own terms.
b) The setting up of the TRC was an act of compromise, without which Mandela could have never gotten out of prison.
c) Mandela compromised by helping to establish the TRC, which was probably the only way to bring closure to the victims of the political and economic discrimination.
d) Had Mandela not made the compromise, South Africa would have been doomed to be led by an apartheid government.

Directions: In question nos. 16 to 20, you have a passage with 5 questions. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

On September 11, 2001, at 8:45 a.m. on a clear Tuesday morning, an American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. The impact left a gaping, burning hole near the 80th floor of the 110-story skyscraper, instantly killing hundreds of people and trapping hundreds more in higher floors. As the evacuation of the tower and its twin got underway, television cameras broadcasted live images of what initially appeared to be a freak accident. Then, 18 minutes after the first plane hit, a second Boeing 767—United Airlines Flight 175—appeared out of the sky, turned sharply toward the World Trade Center and sliced into the north tower near the 60th floor. The collision caused a massive explosion that showered burning debris over surrounding buildings and the streets below.

America was under attack.



The attackers were Islamic terrorists from Saudi Arabia and several other Arab nations. Reportedly financed by Saudi fugitive Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda terrorist organization, which was against America, they were allegedly acting in retaliation for America's support of Israel, its involvement in the Persian Gulf War and its continued military presence in the Middle East. Some of the terrorists had lived in the United States for more than a year and had taken flying lessons at American commercial flight schools. Others had slipped into the country in the months before September 11 and acted as the "muscle" in the operation. The 19 terrorists easily smuggled box-cutters and knives through security at three East Coast airports and boarded four flights bound for California, chosen because the planes were loaded with fuel for the long transcontinental journey. Soon after takeoff, the terrorists commandeered the four planes and took the controls, transforming ordinary commuter jets into guided missiles.

Q 16. What was boeing 760 loaded with?

- a) 20,000 liters of jet fuel b) 20,000 gallons of fuel c) 20,000 gallons of jet fuel d) 20,000 tanks of jet fuel

Q 17. Where did the first plane crash into?

- a) East tower of the Trade Center b) West tower of the Trade Center
c) North tower of the Trade Center d) South tower of the Trade Center

Q 18. The incident was initially thought to be a/an

- a) devastating accident b) natural accident c) sudden accident d) gigantic accident

Q 19. Which among the following is not a reason for the attacks?

- a) America was supporting Israel. b) Osama bin Laden was in opposition to America.
c) America had a military presence in Middle East. d) America was involved in the Persian Gulf War.

Q 20. What is meant by the phrase 'muscle in the operation'?

- a) People who have the money b) People who have power c) People who are healthy d) People who can influence

Directions: In question nos. 21 to 25, you have a poem with 5 questions. Read the poem carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;
Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,
When in eternal lines to time thou growest:
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this and this gives life to thee

Q 21. Which of the following is the correct summary of the above poem ?

- a) The poet compares his love with summer which ultimately fades away over time.
b) The poet through this poem wants to eternalise the beauty of his lover as the physical beauty fades with time.
c) The poet wants the eternal summer of love to stay forever.
d) The poet is adamant about the fact that this live story will overcome the odds of time like after every winter summer arrives.

Q 22. "And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;"

What is the meaning of this line?

- a) It means that summer is too short.
- b) It means that the lifespan of his lover is short-lived.
- c) It means that often the brightness of the sun decreases along with time.
- d) It means that often there is a silver lining which we remain unaware of.

Q 23. What is the meaning of “eternal lines” in this poem?

- a) The summer of love.
- b) The eternal bonding of two lovers over time.
- c) These lines of the poem will protect his lover’s beauty.
- d) The summer season which never fades away.

Q 24. Which of the following best describes the last two lines?

- a) As long as men are literate, they will know about the poet’s lover.
- b) As long as human beings exist, this eternal beauty of the lover will exist.
- c) These lines will exist even if human race gets obliterated from the world.
- d) None of the above.

Q 25. What does the line “And every fair from fair sometime declines,” means?

- a) It means over time, physical beauty gradually wears away.
- b) It means people should protect their beauty as long as it exists.
- c) It means the poet doesn’t want his lover to grow old.
- d) It means the poet is afraid that he might grow old.

Directions: In question nos. **26** to **30**, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and mark the appropriate correct option. If a sentence is free from error, mark the “No Error” option.

Q 26. There are certain fundamental principles, on which all our manners should base.

- a) on which all our manners
- b) should base
- c) there are certain fundamental principles
- d) No error

Q 27. Apples taste so refreshing than I usually have an apple juice whenever I feel thirsty.

- a) I usually have an apple juice
- b) so refreshing than
- c) whenever I feel thirsty
- d) No error

Q 28. Have you ever seen a five-year-old trying to learn to ride a bicycle?

- a) trying to learn
- b) to ride a bicycle
- c) a five-year-old
- d) No error

Q 29. I guess as long as I don’t ask, he evades the issue.

- a) I guess
- b) as long as I don’t ask
- c) he evades the issue
- d) No error

Q 30. I know not if I will be able to finish my homework in time.

- a) I know not
- b) if I will be able
- c) to finish my homework in time
- d) No error

Directions: In question nos. **31** to **35**, sentence/passage is split into four parts and named A, B, C, &D. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence/passage and find out which of the four combinations is correct. Then find the correct answer and indicate it.

Q 31. A. has been well known to survey practitioners

- B. the fact that seemingly small changes in wording
- C. can cause large differences in responses
- D. since the early days of surveys

a) BDCA b) DCBA c) BCAD d) ABDC

- Q 32.** A. Marie awaited
 B. in the vast room
 C. guarded by two tall bodyguards
 D. known as the "Hall of the Dead"

a) DBAC b) ADBC c) BCDA d) BDAC

- Q 33.** A. credit analysis are at the heart of the business
 B. and banks have always been big users
 C. of information technology
 D. in banking, data about the customer relationship and

a) BCAD b) DABC c) ADCB d) CDAB

- Q 34.** A. Darjeeling tea
 B. for everyone
 C. Aneesh, the little
 D. kid made

a) CDBA b) ADCB c) CADB d) CABD

- Q 35.** A. by the idea that
 B. customers often arrive
 C. information is hard to get
 D. with their expectations shaped

a) CADB b) BDAC c) ABCD d) BCDA

Directions: In question nos. 36 to 40, in the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question out of the four alternatives and fill in the blanks.

Q 36. Della finished her crying and (36) the marks of it from her face. She stood by the window and looked out with no (37) . Tomorrow would be Christmas Day, and she had only \$1.87 with (38) to buy Jim a gift. She had put (39) as much as she could for months, with this result. Twenty dollars a week is not much. Everything had cost more than she had expected. It always (40) like that.

a) Wiped b) Cleaned c) Tore d) Masked

Q 37. Della finished her crying and (36) the marks of it from her face. She stood by the window and looked out with no (37) . Tomorrow would be Christmas Day, and she had only \$1.87 with (38) to buy Jim a gift. She had put (39) as much as she could for months, with this result. Twenty dollars a week is not much. Everything had cost more than she had expected. It always (40) like that.

a) Interest b) Inclination c) Fright d) Surprise

Q 38. Della finished her crying and (36) the marks of it from her face. She stood by the window and looked out with no (37) . Tomorrow would be Christmas Day, and she had only \$1.87 with (38) to buy Jim a gift. She had put (39) as much as she could for months, with this result. Twenty dollars a week is not much. Everything had cost more than she had expected. It always (40) like that.

a) that b) which c) only d) approximately

Q 39. Della finished her crying and (36) the marks of it from her face. She stood by the window and looked out with no (37) . Tomorrow would be Christmas Day, and she had only \$1.87 with (38) to buy Jim a gift. She had put (39) as much as she could for months, with this result. Twenty dollars a week is not much. Everything had cost more than she had expected. It always (40) like that.

- a) off b) away c) in d) aside

Q 40. Della finished her crying and (36) the marks of it from her face. She stood by the window and looked out with no (37) . Tomorrow would be Christmas Day, and she had only \$1.87 with (38) to buy Jim a gift. She had put (39) as much as she could for months, with this result. Twenty dollars a week is not much. Everything had cost more than she had expected. It always (40) like that.

- a) went b) happened c) meant d) cluttered

Directions: In Question nos. **41** to **43**, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

Q 41. Pensive

- a) Gloomy b) Contemplative c) Tacit d) Unabashed

Q 42. Covetous

- a) Greedy b) Slothful c) Lazy d) Quiet

Q 43. Deplete

- a) Garbage b) Exhaust c) Charity d) Cruel

Directions: In question nos. **44** to **45**, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

Q 44. Luminous

- a) Fragile b) Lucid c) Fuzzy d) Transparent

Q 45. Rotund

- a) Plump b) Corpulent c) Drab d) Slender

Directions: In question nos. **46** to **50**, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

Q 46. She took to computers like a duck to water.

- a) Easily and naturally b) With a lot of comfort and pride
c) with hunger and thirst d) with a lot of urgency

Q 47. Arundhati couldn't believe that her trusted friend Neeta was a back-stabber.

- a) Boastful and proud b) Violent and dangerous c) traitor or hypocrite d) unreliable and insane

Q 48. Do well in your match. Break a leg.

- a) All the best b) Injure your opponents c) Compete till you hurt yourself d) Compete with a lot of passion.

Q 49. Thank you so much. Your help has taken a load off my mind.

- a) to make someone physically lighter b) to feel confident
c) to feel relief from the outside hurt d) to feel relieved from a mental burden

Q 50. The young son is the apple of his mother's eye.

- a) very precious and dear b) very expensive and lovely c) very adorable and sweet d) very nice and sweet

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- Q 1. Ans: **b** **Solution:**Option (A) is negated because we cannot infer from the passage that Socrates was the only son. The passage states that Socrates found fault with Sophists who were contemporary teachers and not just any contemporary teachers. Hence, option (C) is incorrect. Option (D) is negated because the passage states that Socrates claimed that he knew nothing. This was said by him to show that he had no fixed set of beliefs or principles and not that he actually did not know anything. Option (B) can be inferred from the statement that Socrates was famous for his non-conventional teaching methods and "He did not keep a formal school, nor did he charge for his services". These suggest that Socrates was a teacher and hence, option (B) is the correct answer.
- Q 2. Ans: **c** **Solution:**The statement is, "Socrates was well-known in Athens, not so much for military distinction as for his non-traditional teaching methods." This sentence suggests that Socrates was known more for his non-traditional teaching methods and these methods were so popular that they over-shadowed his military distinction. His military distinction has been showcased in the previous line where it is mentioned that Socrates received commendation for his actions in the various battles fought by him. So, option (C) is the correct answer. The other options are irrelevant and do not convey the intention of the author.
- Q 3. Ans: **a** **Solution:**Contemporary refers to something which is from the same time period. Hence, option (A), 'synchronous' is the correct answer. 'Predated' means something from an earlier time period. 'Dynamic' means always changing and 'static' is an antonym of dynamic.
- Q 4. Ans: **c** **Solution:**The passage suggests that Socrates was associated with the Sophists even though the association was incorrect. So, option (A) is correct. Option (B) can be verified from the first sentence of the second paragraph of the passage. The line states that Socrates was more popular for his teaching methods than his military distinction. So, we can say that he was popular amongst some Greeks for his military distinction also. Option (D) also can be verified from the same line because Socrates was popular for his teaching methods and hence, he was a teacher. Option (C) is the correct answer as this statement is not supported by the passage. Instead, the passage states that 'Socrates believed that a moral life brought men happiness.'
- Q 5. Ans: **b** **Solution:**Socrates will agree with options (A), (C) and (D). Option (A) can be inferred from the sentence which states that Socrates believed that justice has objective content and we are born with an innate understanding of their existence. The passage states that Socrates believed that morality can be transmitted through education and a moral life brought happiness. Hence, option (C) is coherent with Socrates' view. Option (D) can be inferred from the sentence, "He taught his students to use their rational understanding to rediscover knowledge they already had". Option (B) is the correct answer because it is contradictory to Socrates' belief. Socrates believed in enjoying life and was not sympathetic to the ascetics.
- Q 6. Ans: **d** **Solution:**Refer to the second sentence of the first paragraph for the answer.
- Q 7. Ans: **b** **Solution:**Refer to the first paragraph where the author mentions that Corbett is the oldest national park in India.
- Q 8. Ans: **a** **Solution:**Refer to the first paragraph for the answer. Option (B) is incorrect. Corbett National Park was the national park where Project Tiger was first launched in 1973 and not one of the national parks. Option (D) is incorrect because Corbett National Park comprises of hills, riverine belts and lakes as well.
- Q 9. Ans: **c** **Solution:**The writing style of the author is descriptive.
- Q 10. Ans: **b** **Solution:**Refer to the last paragraph for the answer.
- Q 11. Ans: **a** **Solution:**The South African correspondents were invited for a breakfast meeting with Mr. Mandela in a Cardiff hotel suit. Hence, option (A) is the correct answer.
- Q 12. Ans: **d** **Solution:**The second paragraph of the passage states that Mr. Mandela indulged in an avuncular pat. Avuncular means kind and friendly like an uncle. This avuncular pat made the author embarrassed. Hence, option (D) is the correct answer. (I) says that the author is the youngest of the five reporters present there. The passage only says that he was relatively young. We do not know if he was the youngest.
- Q 13. Ans: **a** **Solution:**The last sentence of the passage states that Mr. Mandela did something that no other African leader had done before. He voluntarily decided not to run for the second term. This made him a unique African leader. Hence, option (A) is the correct answer.
- Q 14. Ans: **d** **Solution:**The suffering that the author is referring to is the fact that he was in prison for 27 years, during which he turned down offers of conditional release at least twice. Hence, option (D) is the correct answer.
- Q 15. Ans: **c** **Solution:**Look at the sentence 'Some say the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) which he helped establish soon after his release was an act of compromise.'. From this we can infer that option (C) is the rumor that followed Mandela's release. Option (A) is not a rumor. It is the author's opinion. Option (B) is incorrect since we do not know if this was the only way for him to get out of prison.
- Q 16. Ans: **c** **Solution:**Boeing 760 was loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel. Hence, option (C) is the correct answer.
- Q 17. Ans: **d** **Solution:**The plane crashed into the South tower of the Trade Center of New York City. Hence, option (D) is the correct answer.

- Q 18. Ans: **c** **Solution:**The incident was thought to be a freak accident, i.e., a sudden accident. Hence, option (C) is the correct answer.
- Q 19. Ans: **b** **Solution:**Though Osama bin Laden's terrorist organisation financed the attack, the passage does not mention anywhere that the attackers were in opposition to America. Hence, option (B) is the correct answer. Options (A), (B) and (C) are mentioned as the reasons for the attack in the second paragraph of the passage.
- Q 20. Ans: **b** **Solution:**'Muscle in the operation' refers to the terrorists who had the power and resources to carry out the operation. Hence, option (B) is the correct answer.
- Q 21. Ans: **b** **Solution:**Refer to the last two lines of the poem. He knows the physical self is prone to decay. Like the summer here which has been used as a metaphor. It doesn't stay forever. But this poem will taste the strength of time and will stay forever. Hence (b).
- Q 22. Ans: **c** **Solution:**"And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;"
If we see these three lines together we understand what he has meant by "gold complexion dimm'd". The poet states that summer is too short, sometimes the sun is brightest and often it gets overshadowed by the passing clouds, so the gold complexion becomes dull. Hence (c).
- Q 23. Ans: **c** **Solution:**The poet wants to eternalise his lover's beauty through this poem. This is the main crux of the poem. Physical beauty might fade away but these lines depicting the beauty of his lover will stay forever. Hence (c).
- Q 24. Ans: **b** **Solution:**The last two lines clearly makes (b) the correct option. As long as human can breathe means as long as there is a human civilization, this poem will exist in other words this lines will eternalise the beauty of the lover. Hence (b).
- Q 25. Ans: **a** **Solution:**This clearly means that every fair thing, that is, is every beautiful physical or material thing is bound to decay over time. Hence (a). (b) is incorrect factually. (c) is a farfetched assumption. (d) makes no sense as far as the given poem is concerned.
- Q 26. Ans: **b** **Solution:**The correct phrase is "should be based".
- Q 27. Ans: **b** **Solution:**"So refreshing that" is the correct phrase.
- Q 28. Ans: **d** **Solution:**The sentence is grammatically correct.
- Q 29. Ans: **c** **Solution:**It has an inconsistent tense. The correct sentence will be "I guess as long as I don't ask, he will evade the issue."
- Q 30. Ans: **a** **Solution:**"I don't know" is the right phrase. I know not is not used in formal English.
- Q 31. Ans: **c** **Solution:**"The fact that seemingly small changes in wording can cause large differences in responses has been well known to survey practitioners since the early days of surveys."
- Q 32. Ans: **d** **Solution:**BD is a mandatory pair. Hall of the Dead was the name of the vast room. No other option has this.
- Q 33. Ans: **b** **Solution:**BC is a mandatory pair. D is the best opening line. DA is another mandatory pair.
- Q 34. Ans: **a** **Solution:**CD is a mandatory pair. It is present only in option A.
- Q 35. Ans: **b** **Solution:**AC is a mandatory pair. BD is the mandatory opening pair.
- Q 36. Ans: **b** **Solution:**We clean the marks. Wipe will need a preposition off. The other words don't fit the sentence.
- Q 37. Ans: **a** **Solution:**Interest is the best word. Della is unhappy so she looked out of the window involuntarily. Inclination talks about aim. The other two words don't match the meaning of the paragraph.
- Q 38. Ans: **b** **Solution:**The pronoun "which" will fit this blank the best.
- Q 39. Ans: **d** **Solution:**To put aside means to save. This is the answer.
- Q 40. Ans: **b** **Solution:**Della is talking about something which happens all the time. The other options don't fit.
- Q 41. Ans: **b** **Solution:**Pensive means to be thoughtful or contemplative. Tacit means unspoken. Gloomy means dark. Unabashed means bold.
- Q 42. Ans: **a** **Solution:**Covetous means to be greedy. Slothful and lazy are synonyms.
- Q 43. Ans: **b** **Solution:**To deplete means to reduce or exhaust.
- Q 44. Ans: **c** **Solution:**Luminous means lucid or clear. Fuzzy or blurred is its antonym.
- Q 45. Ans: **d** **Solution:**Rotund means fat. Plump and Corpulent are synonyms. Drab means dull. Slender or thin is the antonym.
- Q 46. Ans: **a** **Solution:**The idiom means to do something easily even in the first attempt because one has a natural liking towards it.
- Q 47. Ans: **c** **Solution:**A backstabber is a traitor and a hypocrite.
- Q 48. Ans: **a** **Solution:**To break a leg means to wish someone to do well.
- Q 49. Ans: **d** **Solution:**To take a load off one's mind means to get relief from a mental burden.
- Q 50. Ans: **a** **Solution:**This is the right meaning of the idiom.