

# ENGLISH

## Fill in the blanks with the correct options:

- \_\_\_\_\_ you lend me your pen?  
(1) Do (2) Could  
(3) Can (4) None of the above
- His statement \_\_\_\_\_ be true.  
(1) Might (2) Will  
(3) Shall (4) All of the above
- You \_\_\_\_\_ obey your teachers.  
(1) Would (2) Will  
(3) Should (4) All of the above

## Change the Voice in the following sentences:

- Has she taken a decision?  
(1) A decision has been taken by her?  
(2) Has a decision been taken by her?  
(3) She has taken a decision?  
(4) None of the above
- Shut the door.  
(1) You shut the door.  
(2) Let the door be shut.  
(3) The door should be shut.  
(4) Options (2) and (3) both.
- My money has been stolen.  
(1) Someone has stolen my money.  
(2) Someone stole my money.  
(3) Options (1) and (2) both  
(4) None of the above
- The shops will close now.  
(1) They will close the shops now.  
(2) They should close the shops.  
(3) It is time for the shops to close.  
(4) None of the above

## Fill in the blanks with reference to the conversation given below:

- Mona: Hi! Aren't you Zoha?  
Zoha: Yes, who are you?  
Mona: Don't you remember me? I am Mona.  
Zoha: Sorry, I didn't recognize you. Where do you live nowadays?  
Mona: I stay in Los Angeles, I have come on a holiday to India.  
Zoha: How long will you be here?  
Mona: I am leaving day after tomorrow.  
Zoha: Let's meet tomorrow for lunch.  
Mona: Okay, will 1pm suit you?  
Zoha: Sure, see you tomorrow.

Mona hailed Zoha, wondering whether she was right. Zoha was surprised and (8) \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Mona tried to remind her (9) \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Zoha apologized for not recognizing Mona and (10) \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Mona answered that (11) \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Zoha asked (12) \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Mona (13) \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Zoha invited her for lunch and Mona (14) \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) requested who she was.  
(2) asked who was she.  
(3) asked who she was.  
(4) none of the above
- (1) that she was Mona  
(2) that her name was Mona.  
(3) both (1) and (2)  
(4) none of the above
- (1) enquired where Mona lives  
(2) enquired where did she live  
(3) enquired where she lived  
(4) none of the above

11. (1) she lives in Los Angeles and has come on a holiday.  
 (2) she lived in Los Angeles and had come for a holiday  
 (3) she was living in Los Angeles and has come for a holiday  
 (4) all of the above
12. (1) how long will she be in India  
 (2) how long she will be in India  
 (3) how long she would be in India  
 (4) none of the above
13. (1) replied she would leave after one day  
 (2) replied she will leave the day after tomorrow  
 (3) replied she would leave the day after tomorrow  
 (4) none of the above
14. (1) agreed to meet her at 1pm tomorrow  
 (2) decided to meet her at 1pm  
 (3) agreed to meet her at 1pm the next day  
 (4) all of the above

**Choose the correct words to fill in the blanks:**

15. The \_\_\_\_\_ astrologer predicted an \_\_\_\_\_ calamity.  
 (1) Imminent, Eminent  
 (2) Eminent, Imminent  
 (3) Both (1) and (2)  
 (4) None of the above
16. Rahim \_\_\_\_\_ an example to prove his point.  
 The building \_\_\_\_\_ was in a chaos.  
 (1) Cited, Site (2) Sited, Cite  
 (3) Both (1) and (2) (4) None of the above
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ was full of hazards.  
 The child was \_\_\_\_\_ and answered politely.  
 (1) Decent, Descent

- (2) Descent, Decent  
 (3) Both (1) and (2)  
 (4) None of the above

**Identify the Gerund in the following sentences:**

18. On hearing the noise, the mouse scampered away.  
 (1) Scampered (2) Hearing  
 (3) Both (1) and (2) (4) None of the above
19. Deceived by his friends, he lost all hope.  
 (1) Lost (2) Hope  
 (3) Deceived (4) None of the above
20. He is fond of playing cricket.  
 (1) Fond (2) Playing  
 (3) Both of the above (4) None of the above
21. I insist on your being present.  
 (1) Insist (2) Being  
 (3) Being present (4) None of the above

**Fill in the blanks correctly to complete the paragraph:**

Before alighting, the Wild Pigeon, like the Carolina Parrot and a few other species of birds, breaks the force of its flight by repeated flapping, (21) \_\_\_\_\_ apprehensive of receiving injury from coming too suddenly (22) \_\_\_\_\_ contact, either with the branch, (23) \_\_\_\_\_ the spot of ground on which it intends to settle.

22. (1) So (2) Although  
 (3) Even (4) As if
23. (1) With (2) Into  
 (3) Inside (4) At
24. (1) Or (2) And  
 (3) Neither (4) Nor

**Read the passage and answer the following questions correctly:**

The year 2012 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the James Bond films. A first James Bond movie title, 'Dr. No' was released in 1962. Numerous events was held for fans over the world.

25. See the underlined words and say whether-

- (1) All are wrong
- (2) All are correct
- (3) Only two are correct
- (4) Only three are wrong

26. Change the word 'over' with a suitable option from the list-

- (1) Above (2) All
- (3) Around (4) None are suitable

**Questions 27 to 31: Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with correct options.**

27. Do this without \_\_\_\_\_ delay.

- (1) Further (2) Farther
- (3) Far than (4) None of the above

28. He is \_\_\_\_\_ than me as he is my \_\_\_\_\_ brother.

- (1) Older, Elder (2) Elder, Older
- (3) Older, Eldest (4) Both (1) and (3)

29. Have you all enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- (1) Yourself (2) Themselves
- (3) Yourselves (4) None of the above

30. He and \_\_\_\_\_ are good friends.

- (1) Me (2) My
- (3) I (4) None of the above

31. I \_\_\_\_\_ don't know.

- (1) Surely (2) Really
- (3) Hardly (4) None of the above

32. Choose the correct sentence from the options given below:

- (1) I can see it hardly. (2) I hardly can see it.
- (3) I can hardly see it. (4) None are correct

**Read the passage and choose the correct options to fill in the blanks:**

My deadline for that day's incredible, awe-inspiring column in The Tribune was three hours away and I was in a jam. I (33) \_\_\_\_\_

already tossed three ideas into the recycle bin and (34) \_\_\_\_\_ at a blank screen again. The really tricky thing about (35) \_\_\_\_\_ a 'witty' column is that between Oscar Wilde, Mark Twain and Dorothy Parker everything worth saying (36) \_\_\_\_\_

33. (1) Had (2) Have  
(3) Will have (4) Am

34. (1) Stared (2) Have stared  
(3) Staring (4) Was staring

35. (1) Drawing (2) Creating  
(3) Writing (4) Making

36. (1) Already said (2) Has already said  
(3) Have already said (4) Have already been said

37. Choose the most appropriate meaning of the following Idiom: Apple of One's Eye

- (1) One's favourite (2) One's eyesore
- (3) One's fascination (4) All of the above

**Questions 38 & 39: Choose the correct Idioms to complete the following sentences:**

38. You should stay away from \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (1) Fair and square (2) Fair weather friends
- (3) Fast friends (4) None of the above

39. He ran from \_\_\_\_\_ for his son's admission in a reputed school.

- (1) From hand to mouth (2) From A to Z
- (3) From pillar to post (4) None of the above

40. Choose the appropriate words to complete the columns:

A	B
Miserly	Bravely
Manly	Badly
Costly	Locally

- (1) Lively, Soundly (2) Soundly, Lively
- (3) Live, Sound (4) None of the above

# INTERACTIVE SECTION

**Questions – 41 to 45: Read the passage and answer the following questions:**

Travels, of course, bring with them a lot of fun and memories, but they also teach us an incredibly important lesson and that is, travel is the best education we can get. Formal education is incredibly important but there are things we cannot learn in the classroom. Here are a few reasons why.

Immersing ourselves in another culture, whether foreign or even just in one's own country, is the best way to get to know what it is all about. What people wear, how they talk, the pace of life, the cultural norms, the local cuisine—these are the things one has to experience firsthand to get a sense of what another culture is like.

Da Vinci's Mona Lisa and Renoir's paintings are far more spectacular in person. But big name museums of the world aside, most cities have their own museums where one can learn about the town's history and culture.

After studying a language in school, the best way to bypass conversational skills and move towards speaking fluently is by putting it into practice with native speakers. But even if we have not studied a language before, travelling will force us to pick up certain words and phrases from other languages.

An education is not just about knowledge and facts. There is an emotional education that travel can give us as well. We learn that most human beings, anywhere around the globe, are ultimately decent and helpful.

In the process, meeting people and learning about them is an education itself— and who better to give us an inside scoop about a foreign city than a local?

Nothing forces us to be introspective like putting ourselves in an unfamiliar location. Travelling can also motivate us, and help us to remember that as much as we love where we are from, there is always more out there to see.

Also, going away can remind us of just what is important to us, and of everything we left behind and missed.

41. Choose the exact meaning of the word 'cuisine'.
  - (1) Culture
  - (2) Cuisine
  - (3) Scoop
  - (4) None of the above
42. Choose the appropriate meaning of the word 'introspective' from the options given below.
  - (1) Thoughtful
  - (2) Self- analyzing
  - (3) Judgemental
  - (4) None of the above
43. Find a word in the passage, which is an antonym of the word 'native.'
  - (1) Local
  - (2) National
  - (3) International
  - (4) Foreign
44. State whether the following statement is true.

Formal education imparts knowledge, informs us the facts and teaches us about emotional aspects of human life.

  - (1) True
  - (2) False
  - (3) Doubtful
  - (4) Not mentioned in the passage
45. Which of the following statement is true according to the author?
  - (1) We experience firsthand the culture, dress codes, pace of life and language of the people, when we travel to their country or city.
  - (2) We experience firsthand the culture, the language, the pace of life and the food habit of the people, when we travel to their country or place.
  - (3) We experience firsthand the dress code, the culture, the food habit, the pace of life and the language of the people when we travel to their country or city.
  - (4) None of the above are completely true.

**Questions 46 to 50: Read the poem and answer the following questions:**

**NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY**

Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf,  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day  
Nothing gold can stay.

-Robert Frost

46. Select the appropriate meaning of the poem from the options given below.
- (1) The poet wants to convey that anything made of gold cannot be permanent.
  - (2) The poet says that the beauty of a new leaf diminishes very soon.
  - (3) The poet conveys that nature provides us the beautiful phenomena like dawn or a new leaf.
  - (4) The poet says all things beautiful are transient and soon fade away.
47. The poet used the word 'gold' to mean \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Any of nature's beautiful gifts
  - (2) Anything precious
  - (3) The new leaf
  - (4) The precious moments of life and the nature's precious gifts.
48. What does the poet mean by the line "And dawn goes down to day"?
- (1) The sun sets
  - (2) The sun rises
  - (3) The new sun rises and soon it becomes old.
  - (4) The sun rises and sets

49. Find a word in the poem, which means the same as 'colour'.
- (1) Green
  - (2) Hue
  - (3) Gold
  - (4) None of the above
50. What does the phrase "But only for an hour" convey?
- (1) The time for a new leaf to become old.
  - (2) Exact time for a leaf to dry up
  - (3) Everything is transient.
  - (4) None of the above
51. Read the sentences and arrange them in a logical order to form a paragraph.
- i) They get wet in monsoon and are scorched by the summer sun.
  - ii) The schools are few and far between.
  - iii) So, the children of the remote villages often drop out of school.
  - iv) Some children even have to wade through shallow streams to reach their school.
  - v) There are very few amenities available.
  - vi) The children have to walk long distances to reach the government aided schools.
  - vii) Availability of a school bus is out of question.
- (1) i, vii, ii, v, iv, iii, vi (2) ii, i, v, vi, iv, vii, iii  
(3) ii, iv, v, vii, vi, iii (4) None of the above
52. Why do the village children drop out of school?
- (1) There are no amenities like a school bus.
  - (2) The schools are few and far between.
  - (3) They have to walk a long way in all seasons.
  - (4) All of the above
53. What do you think can be a permanent solution to the problem?
- (1) Provide school buses.
  - (2) Make proper roads.
  - (3) Build more schools near the villages.
  - (4) None of the above

**Questions 54- 58:**

**Read the letter and answer the questions:**

The Editor  
XYZ News  
New Delhi  
India

**Subject:** Menace of mosquitoes

Dear Sir/ Madam

I, a resident of Vasant Kunj, Delhi, would like to draw your attention to the rising menace of mosquitoes all over the city, including our locality. I hope you would devote a column in your esteemed newspaper to ensure urgent action by the concerned authorities.

The number of potholes, accumulation of garbage, and lack of awareness, give rise to the breeding of disease bearing mosquitoes, endangering the health of the residents. After repeated appeals to the Municipal Corporation, no action has been taken to remove the pollutants and educate the public about the dangers of diseases like Malaria or Chikungunya. The increase in the number of patients admitted to the hospitals suffering from these diseases is alarming.

It is my humble request to you to raise awareness about health and hygiene and to bring this problem to the notice of the authorities, so that proper and fast actions are taken.

Thanking you

Yours truly

Somdatta Sen

**54.** The underlined words of the passage are \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Nouns
- (2) Adverbs
- (3) Pronouns
- (4) Adjectives

**55.** The breeding of mosquitoes are due to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Pot holes and garbage
- (2) Accumulation of waste
- (3) Lack of awareness
- (4) All of the above

**56.** What is an indicator of rise in diseases like Malaria and Chikungunya ?

- (1) Accumulation of garbage
- (2) Increasing number of potholes
- (3) Number of patients admitted in the hospitals
- (4) None of the above

**57.** Choose the word or phrase meaning the same as 'alarming'.

- (1) Fast
- (2) Increasing
- (3) Swift
- (4) Fearsome

**58.** What is the synonym of the word 'devote' as used in the letter?

- (1) Allocate
- (2) Allow
- (3) Notify
- (4) All of the above

**Read the following extract and answer questions 59 and 60:**

Sumit is older than Rita but Rita is two years older than Meera. Rohit is the eldest sibling while Tony being the youngest.

**59.** Sumit is older than Rita and Meera.

- (1) True
- (2) False
- (3) Might be
- (4) Cannot be said

**60.** Meera is younger than Rita and Tony.

- (1) True
- (2) False
- (3) Might be
- (4) Not clear



**END OF THE EXAM**