

In question numbers 1-5, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase in italicised letters in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase in italics.

(5x1 = 5 marks)

1. The cricket match proved to be *a big draw*
 - a) A match without any result
 - b) A keen contest
 - c) A lovely spectacle
 - d) A huge attraction
2. The captain and the coach are trying *to pass the buck* on each other for the poor performance of their team
 - a) To repent
 - b) To shirk work
 - c) To blame
 - d) To shift responsibility
3. You cannot *have your cake and eat it too*
 - a) Have it both ways
 - b) Fulfil all your wishes
 - c) Run away from responsibility
 - d) Always work according to your whims
4. He is really *worth his salt*
 - a) Loyal
 - b) Affectionate
 - c) Of value
 - d) Untrustworthy
5. He resigned the post *of his own accord*
 - a) According to his judgement
 - b) Which he liked
 - c) Voluntarily and willingly
 - d) According to his convenience

In question numbers 6-10, an idiomatic expression/a proverb has been given, followed by some alternatives. Choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given idiom/proverb.

(5 x 1 = 5 marks)

6. To turn over a new leaf.
 - a) To change completely one's course of action
 - b) To shift attention to new problems after having studied the old ones thoroughly.
 - c) To cover up one's faults by wearing new marks
 - d) To change the old habits and adopt new ones
7. To frame a person
 - a) To befool someone
 - b) To make one appear guilty
 - c) To praise someone
 - d) A narrow escape
8. A close shave
 - a) A lucky escape
 - b) A clean shave

- c) A well guarded secret d) A narrow escape
9. A chip of the old block
- a) A piece of wood b) An old friend
- c) Characteristics of d) A good bargain
one's ancestors
10. To throw dust in one's eyes
- a) To show false things b) To make blind
- c) To harm someone d) To deceive

In question numbers 11-20, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be SUBSTITUTED for the given words/sentences.

(10x1=10 marks)

11. To examine one's thoughts and feelings
- a) Meditation b) Retrospection
- c) Reflection d) Introspection
12. The short remaining end of a cigarette
- a) Stump b) Stub
- c) Rag d) Scrap
13. To send an unwanted person out of the country
- a) Exclude b) Ostracise
- c) Deport d) Expatriate
14. One who despises persons of lower social position
- a) Prim b) Snob
- c) Prig d) Aristocrat
15. Mania for stealing articles
- a) Logomania b) Nymphomania
- c) Kleptomania d) Hypomania
16. A disease which spreads by contact
- a) Infectious b) Contagious
- c) Contiguous d) Contextual
17. A child who stays away from school without any good reason
- a) Vagabond b) Delinquent
- c) Schizophrenic d) Truant
18. An unexpected stroke of good luck
- a) Fortune b) Windfall
- c) Boon d) Breakthrough
19. Place where birds are kept
- a) Zoo b) Apiary
- c) Armoury d) Aviary
20. A person with a beautiful and elegant handwriting
- a) Calligrapher b) Collier
- c) Choreographer d) Cartographer

In Question numbers 21-30, out of the given alternatives, choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the word given in capital letters and write the correct answer code in the OMR sheet.

(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

21. COMMEMORATE

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| a) Boast | b) Remember |
| c) Manipulate | d) Harmonise |

22. LETHAL

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| a) Unlawful | b) Deadly |
| c) Sluggish | d) Smooth |

23. SECURE

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| a) Secret | b) Comfortable |
| c) Safe | d) Independent |

24. TYRANNY

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| a) Misrule | b) Power |
| c) Hunger | d) Cruelty |

25. OBLIGATORY

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| a) Delicate | b) Required |
| c) Stubborn | d) Agreeable |

26. EXORBITANT

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| a) Odd | b) Ridiculous |
| c) Excessive | d) Threatening |

27. BARTER

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| a) Deal | b) Return |
| c) Lend | d) Exchange |

28. TERMINATE

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| a) Suspend | b) Abolish |
| c) End | d) Interrupt |

29. PILFER

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| a) Destroy | b) Damage |
| c) Steal | d) Snatch |

30. INFINITE

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| a) Strange | b) Endless |
| c) Indefinite | d) Vague |

For question numbers 31-35, pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

(5x1=5 marks)

31. The truck was ____ the traffic and the policeman asked the driver to move off.

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| a) Failing | b) Obstructing |
| c) Obviating | d) Hiding |

51. Translate the following passage from Hindi to English-

(10 marks)

राज भाषा का अर्थ राजा या राज्य की भाषा है। वह भाषा जिसमें शासक या शासन का काम होता है। राष्ट्र भाषा वह है जिसका व्यवहार राष्ट्र के सामान्य जन करते हैं। राजभाषा का क्षेत्र सीमित होता है। राष्ट्र भाषा सारे देश की संपक भाषा है। राष्ट्र भाषा के साथ जनता का भावात्मक लगाव रहता है। क्योंकि उसके साथ जनसाधारण की सांस्कृतिक परंपराएँ जुड़ी रहती हैं। राजभाषा के प्रति वैसा सम्मान हो तो सकता है, लेकिन नहीं भी हो सकता है, क्योंकि वह अपने देश की भी हो सकती है। किसी गैर देश से आए शासक की भी हो सकती है। लोकतांत्रिक व्यवस्था में आज हिन्दी राजभाषा के रूप में ही विराजित है। 14 सितंबर, 1949 ई. को भारत के संविधान में हिन्दी को मान्यता प्रदान की गयी है। संविधान की धारा 120 के अनुसार संसद का कार्य हिन्दी में या अंग्रेज़ी में किया जाता है। धारा 210 के अंतर्गत राज्यों के विधानमंडलों का कार्य अपने-अपने राज्य की राजभाषा या हिन्दी में या अंग्रेज़ी में किया जा सकता है। 343 के अनुसार संघ की राजभाषा हिन्दी और लिपि देवनागरी होगी। इस भाषा के प्रसार तथा प्रचार के लिए महात्मा गांधी का योगदान रहा है। धारा 344 में राष्ट्रपति को शासकीय कार्य में हिन्दी भाषा का प्रयोग अधिक करने के लिए कहा गया है।

52. Write a letter to the Tourism department giving your suggestions to boost tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Or

Your friend's mother has expired recently after a prolonged illness. Write a letter to him expressing your sentiments.

(15 Marks)

53. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 300 words.

(20 marks)

- A. Cleanliness- need of the hour or a waste of time.
- B. Should people be judged by their social media posts?
- C. Should parents allow their children to play?
- D. Fake news.

Answer key Set D English

1-d	26-c
2-d	27-d
3-a	28-c
4-c	29-c
5-c	30-b
6-d	31-b
7-b	32-a
8-d	33-a
9-c	34-c
10-d	35-c
11-d	36-d
12-b	37-b
13-c	38-d
14-b	39-c
15-c	40-a
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17-d	42-b
18-b	43-d
19-d	44-d
20-a	45-d
21-b	46-b
22-b	47-c
23-c	48-b
24-d	49-d
25-b	50-b