ENGLISH

Read the following passage carefully:

One fine evening a holy saint was sitting in his cottage. A gigantic tough king entered his cottage. “Saint”, he said, in an accustomed manner, “Tell me about heaven and hell.” The saint looked up at the king and replied, “Teach you about heaven and hell? I cannot teach you anything!! You are a dishonor to your class of kings. Just get out of my sight and don’t bother me.”

Hearing this, the king was furious. He shook with rage, withdrew his sword and raised it, almost preparing to slay the saint. “That act is indicative to hell,” said the saint softly. The king was overwhelmed. This little man had put his life at stake, just in order to make the king understand the essential difference. The king slowly put down his sword and bowed with gratitude. “That is what is heaven,” said the saint gently.

Based on the above passage, choose the right options to answer questions 1 to 5:

01. The king was accustomed to______________.
    A. struggle    B. asking    C. obedience    D. disregard

02. According to the passage ‘hell’ is indicative of __________________________.
    A. the king’s anger and arrogance
    B. the king slaying a saint with a sword
    C. the king’s greed and jealousy
    D. the king’s silly behavior

Read the following poem carefully:

This poem describes some of the unusual characteristics of the harbour seal.

As you walk along the ocean
And peer out toward the water
And you see a log that’s floating—
Look again, it might be me.

Come right down into the harbor,
But be quick, I must keep moving.
I am one the orca’s hunting,
And he frequently swims here.

Like the orca, I send signals,
Only mine sound much like clicking.
They bounce back with a clear message:
“Is it time to flee or eat?”
It would serve me if you showed them
How I dive into the ocean.
How the channels to my ears fill
And then serve me like a drum

That amplifies the slightest sound—
That’s how I hear in water.
There’s more that makes me special.
I can hear on land as well.

They have surely heard me talking
With my friends out on their shores.
Come and look across your harbor.
I’m here peeking. Can you see me?

Please be quick. I must keep moving.
Now you see me, now you don’t.

**Based on the above poem, choose the right options to answer questions**

03. What sound does the seal make?
   A. talking   B. clicking   C. whistling   D. drumming

04. Which of the following strategies does the seal use to avoid the orca?
   A. diving   B. camouflage   C. listening to other seals   D. using its ability to hear on land

**Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word:**

05. The boy was unsuccessful in the exam due to his *illegible* handwriting.
   A. scribbled   B. untidy   C. readable   D. beautiful

**Select one word for the given group of words:**

06. A person who habitually looks at the darker side of life
   A. sadist   B. dentist   C. optimist   D. pessimist

**Choose the appropriate word to fill in the gap below:**

07. A man who hates mankind is known as ____________.
   A. Misanthrope   B. Misogynist   C. Mesomorph   D. Misogamist

**Choose the appropriate relationship:**

08. Punch is to cry as ____________________.
   A. tickle is to laugh   B. genuine is to authenticity
C. friendship is to fight  
D. attention is to irresponsibility 

09. Choose the antonym of the expression ‘good behaviour’: 

A. Mis- behaviour  
B. Ill- behaviour  
C. Dis- behaviour 
D. Un- behaviour 

A. in  
B. on  
C. from  
D. off 

10. Which of these is a declarative sentence? 

A. Are you writing a letter to your mother? 
B. I have to face the interview soon. 
C. Wow, What a beauty!! 
D. Do not open the door unless you are instructed to do so. 

Select the suitable abstract noun: 

11. The soldier showed his __________ by leaving the battle ground. 

A. cowardice 
B. cleverness 
C. weak 
D. cowardly 

Select the suitable form of verb given in the bracket: 

12. I __________ (work) on this job since last Monday. 

A. was working 
B. have been working 
C. being working 
D. were to have worked 

Select the suitable degree of comparison of adjective: 

13. The ________ boy was short listed for the Quiz Competition. 

A. more competent 
B. most competent 
C. many competent 
D. much competent 

Fill in the blanks with correct determiner: 

14. _______ bus going in this direction passes by the railway station. 

A. all 
B. every 
C. some 
D. many 

Choose the option which appropriately transforms the active voice into passive: 

15. Assam grows tea. 

A. Tea is grown in Assam. 
B. Tea grows in Assam. 
C. Let the tea be grown in Assam. 
D. Tea is being grown in Assam. 

Choose the appropriate meaning for the idiom underlined below: 

16. Everyone was so happy when the bullies were expelled, but it was just icing on the cake when we found out that they had to repeat their eighth grade year! 

A. A sweet substance used to cover a cake 
B. Something that makes a good situation even better 
C. A horrible piece of news
D. Something that hurts someone else

**What does the underlined phrase mean?**

17. I was rather surprised to find that he seemed all at sea and had an emotional outburst.

A. was in an utter state of confusion and disorder  
B. was extremely upset  
C. was all confident and determined  
D. was patient and calm

**Choose the best word to complete the gap below:**

18. The thief was beaten _______ by the people of the village.

A. red and blue  
B. black and blue  
C. red and pink  
D. black and white

**Identify the figure of speech underlined in the sentence below:**

19. The trees danced and clapped their hands with joy.

A. metaphor  
B. simile  
C. personification  
D. transferred epithet

**Choose the appropriate meaning of the idiom used:**

20. “If you think I have broken this plate, you are barking up the wrong tree. I wasn’t even home this weekend!”

A. shouting meaninglessly  
B. looking in the wrong place  
C. living in a dense forest  
D. letting many dogs bark

**This question gives you a chance to write what you can imagine.**

An eminent bacteriologist, Dr. Hargobind Narula, went to the tropical rainforests of South America to study some new strains of disease causing bacteria. There, while carrying out his explorations, he came across a remote, uninhabited area and set up his camp there. A few months later he wrote to his friend.

> “You are aware that the country around some parts of the Amazon is still partially explored. I had the occasion to spend a night in a small Indian village at a point where a certain tributary—the name and position of which I withhold—opens into the main river. There perched on a tree, I saw a dimorphodon, a pterodactyl, a flying reptile of the Jurassic period.”

As Dr. Hargobind Narula, write a story about your adventure with the dinosaurs in the space provided in your answer booklet. (125-150 words)