

13. Sometimes, we can _____ how a story ends even before reading it.

- (1) solve
- (3) forecast

- (2) predict
- (4) understand

Section C: Comprehension - MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

One day, a rich man said to his cook, "I've invited my best friend to dinner at home tomorrow evening. I want you to buy the best food in the world for him. It doesn't matter if it's expensive or cheap. It has to be the tastiest."

The following evening, dinner was served to the master and his guest. They ate cow's tongue, goat's tongue, pig's tongue and deer's tongue – nothing else.

The guest was surprised at the strange dinner while the master was angry with the cook. He was worried that his friend might think he did not treasure their friendship. When the guest had left, the rich man asked his cook. "Why did you serve us with nothing else but tongues for dinner?"

"Sir," replied the cook, "You wanted the best thing in the world for your guest. Tongues tell us the most wonderful things you ever wish to hear. They are the best things."

"Then, for the next dinner, I want you to get the worst thing in the world," the master said.

When the next dinner was served, the master had the same thing – tongues. "Why do you serve me tongues again?" he asked.

"Sir, tongues tell lies. They cause a lot of trouble in the world. They are the worst things. They....."

"Hold your tongue," roared the angry master, who did not want to hear any more from his cook.

14. The guest was surprised at the _____ dinner.
- (1) unusual
 - (2) delicious
 - (3) ordinary
 - (4) wonderful
15. When the rich man asked the cook to get the best food for his best friend, he only wanted _____.
- (1) cheap food
 - (2) expensive food
 - (3) delicious food
 - (4) delicious and expensive food
16. To the cook, tongues _____.
- (1) are not expensive and cheap
 - (2) are used only for telling untruths
 - (3) tell us only wonderful things
 - (4) tell untruths as well as wonderful things
17. The rich man was displeased with the cook because his friend _____.
- (1) disliked the food
 - (2) fell sick after dinner
 - (3) wanted to end their friendship
 - (4) might think that he did not value their relationship

18. To "hold your tongue" means to _____.
- (1) continue talking
 - (2) stop talking
 - (3) stop telling more lies
 - (4) continue telling more lies

Section D: Grammar Cloze Passages: (8 X 1 mark)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the boxes. Use each word once only.

Cloze Passage 1

paint	paints	painting	paintings	painter
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When Rachel feels bored, she does something which she likes. She draws and (19) _____. She started to (20) _____ when she was six years old. She (21) _____ many beautiful pictures and won many prizes last year. Her parents are indeed proud of her and have arranged for all her (22) _____ to be exhibited at the Orchard Art Gallery next month.

Cloze Passage 2

for	a	on	that
from	the	in	those

Johnson was feeling bored. He decided to go (23) _____ a walk in the park. In the park, he saw (24) _____ parrot sitting on the branch of a tree. He had never seen a more beautiful parrot (25) _____ all his life. (26) _____ was the reason for bringing the parrot home and keeping it as a pet. Luckily, his mother liked the parrot too!

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze Passage: (5 X 1 mark)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the boxes. Use each word once only.

umbrella	seashells	seaweeds	sandcastle	unpleasant
beach	house	park	mat	wonderful

The weather was fine. Dad drove us to the (27) _____. The sea was beautiful. Dad sat on the beach under our big (28) _____. It was a colourful one. James collected pretty (29) _____ along the beach. They were of various sizes and shapes. Mum swam in the cool water. I made a huge (30) _____ but unfortunately, my clumsy dog knocked it down. Nevertheless, I enjoyed myself a lot and had a (31) _____ time that day.

Section F: Editing For Spelling / Punctuation: (4 X 1 mark)

**Each of the circles has a wrong or missing punctuation mark.
Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error.
Write the correct punctuation mark or spelling in the boxes.**

(32)

John wanted to make invitation cards for his birthday party. He wandered how to make them.

(33)

Do you know how to begin writing a card, John?" his mother asked.

(34)

"Not really," said John. "Could you help me, please

(35)

John's mother gave him the instrakions. He followed what his mother had told him

and was able to make the cards.

Section G: Comprehension (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Have you heard of Aesop's fables? Well, here is one of them.

A woodcutter was cutting wood on a riverside when he dropped his axe into the river. With no one there to help him, he sat down on the riverbank and began to cry. Thoth, an ancient Egyptian god, felt sorry for him and dived into the water and brought up a golden axe.

He asked the woodcutter if this ^{was} ~~was~~ his axe, and the woodcutter said, "No."

He dived in again and brought up a silver axe and asked the woodcutter if this one was his. And again the woodcutter said "No."

When he went down a third time and brought up a plain axe, the woodcutter said, "That is my axe!"

Thoth was so pleased with his honesty that he gave him the other two axes as well.

The woodcutter told one of his friends what happened. His friend hurried to the river and threw his axe into the river. After throwing his axe into the water, he sat down and cried.

Thoth felt sorry for him and dived into the river. Again Thoth brought up a golden axe. When he asked if this ^{axe was} ~~was~~ his, the woodcutter's friend shouted, "Yes!"

Thoth was disgusted with the lie. He did not give the woodcutter's friend anything, not even the man's own axe!

36) Why did the woodcutter cry?

37) How many axes did the woodcutter go home with?

38) What did the woodcutter's friend hope to get by throwing his axe into the river?

39) Where was the friend's axe in the end?

40) Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'displeased'?



~The End~

Have you checked your paper?

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- 1) 4
 - 2) 2
 - 3) 2
 - 4) 3
 - 5) 1
 - 6) 3
 - 7) 2
 - 8) 1
 - 9) 4
 - 10) 1
 - 11) 2
 - 12) 2
 - 13) 2
 - 14) 1
 - 15) 3
 - 16) 4
 - 17) 4
 - 18) 2
 - 19) paints
 - 20) paint
 - 21) painted
 - 22) paintings
 - 23) for
 - 24) a
 - 25) in
 - 26) That
 - 27) beach
- 28) umbrella
 - 29) seashells
 - 30) sandcastle
 - 31) wonderful
 - 32) wondered
 - 33) "
 - 34) ?
 - 35) instructions
 - 36) Nobody helped him to get his axe from the river.
 - 37) The woodcutter went home with three axes.
 - 38) He hoped to get the golden axe and a silver axe.
 - 39) The woodcutter's friend's axe was in the river.
 - 40) The word is "disgusted".