

**PART - A**  
**GENERAL ENGLISH**

(Marks : 25)

Read the following passage and answer the questions 1 to 5.

In Spring season, polar bear mothers emerge from the dens with three-month old cubs. The mother bear has fasted for as long as eight months but that does not stop the young from demanding full access to her remaining reserves. If there are triplets, the most persistent stands to gain an extra meal and it may have the meal at the expense of others. The smallest of the little forfeits many meals to stronger siblings. Females are protective of their cubs but tend to ignore family rivalry over food. In 21 years of photographing polar bears, I've only once seen the smallest of triplets survive till Autumn.

1. The polar bear mother's sacrificing instinct lies in—
  - (1) Her emergence from the den with three month-old cubs.
  - (2) Her fasting for as long as eight months.
  - (3) Her rearing up multiple cubs with a protective instinct.
  - (4) Her giving full access to the cubs in spite of long fasting.
2. What does the mother bear do when the cubs fight for food?
  - (1) It protects the younger cubs.
  - (2) It ignores their rivalry.
  - (3) It gives full access to the cubs for food.
  - (4) It tries to gain an extra meal.
3. The 'family rivalry' refers to :
  - (1) The quarrel among the mothers of the cub family.
  - (2) The battle for survival among the cubs.
  - (3) The cubs' demand for food from the mother.
  - (4) The competition between the stronger and the weaker cubs.
4. Where is the notion of 'survival of the fittest' seen in the passage?
  - (1) In the hungry mother feeding the young cubs.
  - (2) In the smaller cubs giving up many meals for bigger ones.
  - (3) In the smallest of the cubs finding herself unequal in the race for food.
  - (4) In the stronger cubs sharing food with the weaker ones.
5. What is the rarest thing that the author has seen in his life?
  - (1) The smallest of triplets surviving till Autumn.
  - (2) The mother bear fasting for as long as eight months.
  - (3) Some having the meal at the expense of others.
  - (4) The smallest of the little ones forfeiting many meals.

In the following questions (6-8) sentences have been divided into six parts. The first and last parts are numbered 1 and 6 and the remaining four parts are named P, Q, R and S. Rearrange the parts P, Q, R and S to form meaningful sentences.

6. (1) The court said there can be

P under anti-terror laws or normal criminal laws

Q no distinction between people convicted

R for commutation of death sentence

S on the grounds of unreasonable delay

(6) in deciding the mercy petition by the President.

(1) PQRS

(2) QPRS

(3) QRPS

(4) PRQS

7. (1) Earlier, Holi was taken

P games, however studies have

Q not only detrimental to the human body

R in the spirit of fun and

S indicated that these colours are

(6) but also for the soil and water.

(1) QPRS

(2) PQRS

(3) RPSQ

(4) SPQR

8. (1) A Japanese research institute said

P a revolutionary way to create stem cells

Q was faulty, dealing a huge blow to

R should be quashed after claims that its data

S that a study which promised

(6) what was touted as a game changing discovery.

(1) SRPQ

(2) QPRS

(3) RPQS

(4) SPRQ

Choose the appropriate verb from the given questions 9 to 11.

9. We \_\_\_\_\_ nothing to eat since eight O' clock this morning.  
(1) are having (2) had  
 (3) have had (4) were having
10. If I \_\_\_\_\_ you, I should not accept that post.  
(1) am (2) ain't (3) aren't  (4) were
11. Sam's cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ by the guard.  
 (1) was stolen (2) was stealing (3) stole (4) steals

Fill in the blanks choosing the correct **article(s)** from the given. If no article is required, choose 4.

12. Robert gave \_\_\_\_\_ one thousand-rupee note to \_\_\_\_\_ honest boy.  
(1) an, a  (2) a, an (3) the, a (4) \_\_\_\_\_
13. I am going to \_\_\_\_\_ hospital to visit a sick friend.  
(1) the (2) a (3) an  (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Choose the correct **preposition / prepositions** to fill in the blanks in sentences 14 and 15.

14. \_\_\_\_\_ my opinion, we need to invest in some development. Do you agree \_\_\_\_\_ me?  
(1) on, over (2) of, on  (3) in, with (4) from, an
15. Do you dream \_\_\_\_\_ night? Do you remember your dreams \_\_\_\_\_ the morning?  
(1) in, at  (2) at, in (3) at, at (4) in, in
16. Each word given below is spelt differently. Choose the rightly spelt word  
 (1) adulteration (2) adalterotion (3) adultereition (4) adeolterotion

Pick out the most suitable word to complete sentences 17 and 18.

17. One who can do anything for monetary or material gain is called a / an \_\_\_\_\_  
(1) agnostic  (2) mercenary (3) pauper (4) misogynist
18. The committee's appeal to the people for money \_\_\_\_\_ little response.  
(1) provided (2) gained  
(3) provoked  (4) evoked

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19. The opposite meaning of the word *assemble* is
- (1) disburse (2) repel  
 (3) disperse (4) litter
20. Choose the antonym of the word '*barren*'
- (1) boisterous (2) bashful  
 (3) fruitless (4) fertile
21. I water the plants in my garden everyday. The underlined word is used as \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) verb (2) noun (3) adverb (4) pronoun
22. What is the active voice form of  
"All the food has been eaten."
- (1) They have eaten all the food (2) They ate all the food  
(3) They had eaten all the food (4) We ate all the food
23. The Principal says, "The girl was lethargic." The indirect form of the above sentence is  
The Principal says that
- (1) the girl is lethargic.  
 (2) the girl was lethargic.  
(3) the girl has been lethargic.  
(4) the girl had been lethargic.
24. Sheela wasn't a great singer.  
The appropriate tag for the above statement is
- (1) isn't it? (2) didn't she?  
 (3) was she? (4) wasn't she?
25. A "red letter day" means
- (1) a day in severe summer (2) something dangerous  
 (3) a day of great importance (4) a day of great misfortune