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Time : 1½ Hours

FIRST-TERM**ENGLISH****COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

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Total No. of Questions : 30 (Printed Pages : 12)

Maximum Marks : 30

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- (i) The question paper consists of questions from 1 to 30. All questions are MCQs.
 - (ii) All questions are compulsory.
 - (iii) Marks for each question are indicated to the right.
 - (iv) There is no negative marking.
 - (v) Use only Blue Ink Ball pen for marking the bubbles on the **OMR** sheet.
 - (vi) Mark only one answer for each question.

Choose the synonym of the underlined word, from the alternatives given below :

1. The smell of the fresh roses lingered in the room. 1
(A) increased
(B) remained
(C) floated
(D) decreased
2. He took the comment of the manager as a slur on his reputation. 1
(A) a criticism
(B) a doubt
(C) an insult
(D) a taunt

3. From the below given alternatives, choose an appropriate antonym of the underlined word.

Based on the evidence, the court decided to acquit him.

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- (A) pardon
 - (B) sentence
 - (C) penalize
 - (D) question
4. The factory was closed for failing to comply with government safety rules. 1

- (A) participate
- (B) ignore
- (C) work
- (D) defy

With reference to the text, complete the following sentence, by choosing an appropriate alternative provided below :

5. While working in the mine, Booker T. Washington overheard two miners talk about

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- (A) a job opportunity at Mrs. Ruffner's place.
- (B) the little school at Malden.
- (C) a great school for coloured people somewhere in Virginia.
- (D) Mrs. Viola Ruffner's strictness with her servants.

6. Digital marketers monitor things like 1
- (A) what content work and what doesn't.
 - (B) feedbacks and messages from consumers.
 - (C) what media, friends, relatives, peers etc., are saying about a brand.
 - (D) spreading information to selective customers only.

Answer the following questions by selecting the *correct* alternative :

7. How could the lift man have extracted a more meaningful revenge on the rude man ? 1
- (A) By not allowing the man in the lift.
 - (B) By treating the rude man with elaborate politeness.
 - (C) By not wishing him and ignoring him.
 - (D) By venting out his anger using physical violence.
8. What did Booker T. Washington realise when he embarked on his journey to Hampton ? 1
- (A) He realised Hampton was about five hundred miles from Malden.
 - (B) He was not going to be coming back home soon.
 - (C) He was starting out on wild goose chase.
 - (D) He realised he did not have enough money to pay his fare to Hampton.

9. How can effective digital marketing be profitable to a business ? 1
- (A) It lowers external service cost, advertising costs and promotion costs.
 - (B) It allows customers to directly interact with company.
 - (C) It helps them to know their customers well.
 - (D) It helps in making their brands easily available to everyone.

Choose the *correct* option from the alternatives provided below and answer the following questions :

And sweetest in the gale is heard;

And sore must be the storm

That could abash the little bird

That kept so many warm.

10. Name the figure of speech in line 4 (last line). 1
- (A) Personification
 - (B) Simile
 - (C) Alliteration
 - (D) Metaphor
11. What does the word 'gale' mean in the above lines ? 1
- (A) Some sweet music
 - (B) Rough weather
 - (C) Difficult or painful times
 - (D) A foreign language

Answer the following questions by selecting the *correct* alternative :

12. What does the poet lament about in the poem 'Good Manners' ? 1
- (A) Some old childhood memories
 - (B) Teens and adults acting in a rude and mannerless way
 - (C) Children not studying
 - (D) Not being able to meet someone dear

Each of the following sentences tests the usage of grammar. Read the instruction given after every sentence carefully and select the correct answer from the alternatives provided :

13. cobra never bites unless disturbed. (Insert a suitable Determiner). 1
- (A) A
 - (B) An
 - (C) The
 - (D) No determiner required
14. Our teacher teaches Mathematics English. (Insert a suitable Preposition) 1
- (A) across
 - (B) besides
 - (C) beside
 - (D) with

15. Chirag hardly ever cooks, (Add a Question Tag) 1
- (A) does he ?
(B) doesn't he ?
(C) didn't he ?
(D) did he ?
16. He (wait) for you all day to meet you. 1
(Use the Present Perfect Continuous tense of the verb given below.)
- (A) waited
(B) was waiting
(C) had waited
(D) has been waiting
17. They be sorry for their behaviour. (Insert a modal of obligation.) 1
- (A) ought to
(B) might
(C) may
(D) will
18. The gardener was watering the plants. (Change into Passive Voice.) 1
- (A) The plants are been watered by the gardener.
(B) The plants is being watered by the gardener.
(C) The plants were being watered by the gardener.
(D) The plants have been watered by the gardener.

19. No other girl in the class is as pretty as Shirley. (Change to Superlative degree.) 1

- (A) Shirley is one of the most prettiest girl in the class.
- (B) Shirley is the prettiest of all the girls in the class.
- (C) Some girls in the class are more prettier than Shirley.
- (D) She is one of the pretty girls in the class.

Read the passage carefully :

Many of us believe that 'small' means 'insignificant'. We believe that small actions and choices do not have much impact on our lives and only the big things, actions and big decisions count. But when you look at the lives of all great people, you will see that they built their character through small decisions, small choices and small actions that they performed every day. They transformed their lives through step-by-step or day-by-day approach. They nurtured and nourished their good habits and chipped away their bad habits, one by one. It was their small decisions that added up to make tremendous difference in the long-run. Indeed, in matters of personal growth and character building, there is no such thing as an overnight success.

Growth always occurs through a sequential series of stages. There is an organic process to growth. Gandhi understood this organic process and used this universal law of nature to his benefit. Gandhi grew in small ways, in his day-to-day affairs. He did not wake up one day and find himself to be the 'Mahatma'. In fact, there was nothing much in his early life that showed signs of greatness. But from his mid-twenties onwards, he deliberately and consistently attempted to change himself, reform himself and grow in some

small way every day. Many times, he risked failure, experimented and learnt from mistakes. In every situation, he took up the responsibility rather than avoiding it.

Based on your understanding of the above passage, answer any *five* of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option :

20. What lessons do we learn from the lives of great people ? 1
- (A) Big things, big actions and big decisions make a person great.
- (B) Personal changes are not important.
- (C) Overnight success is possible for all of us.
- (D) Small actions and decisions are important in one's life.
21. What does the writer mean by saying 'chipped away at their bad habits' ? 1
- (A) Slowly produced bad habits.
- (B) Gradually gave up bad habits.
- (C) Regularly criticized bad habits.
- (D) Did not like bad habits.
22. What is done by great people to transform their lives ? 1
- (A) They approach life on a day-to-day basis and cultivated their good habits.
- (B) They build character in big ways.
- (C) They don't believe in performing every day.
- (D) They make big decisions and do big thing/things in life.

23. How did Gandhiji become 'Mahatma' ?

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- (A) He woke up one day and found himself to be the 'Mahatma'.
- (B) Gandhi showed signs of greatness in childhood itself.
- (C) By learning from mistakes and taking responsibilities.
- (D) By not taking any risks.

Choose the *correct* meaning of the word given below, from the alternatives provided :

24. Nurture

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- (A) force
- (B) break
- (C) feed
- (D) cultivate

The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Choose the *correct* alternative that best matches the meaning given below :

25. Trivial

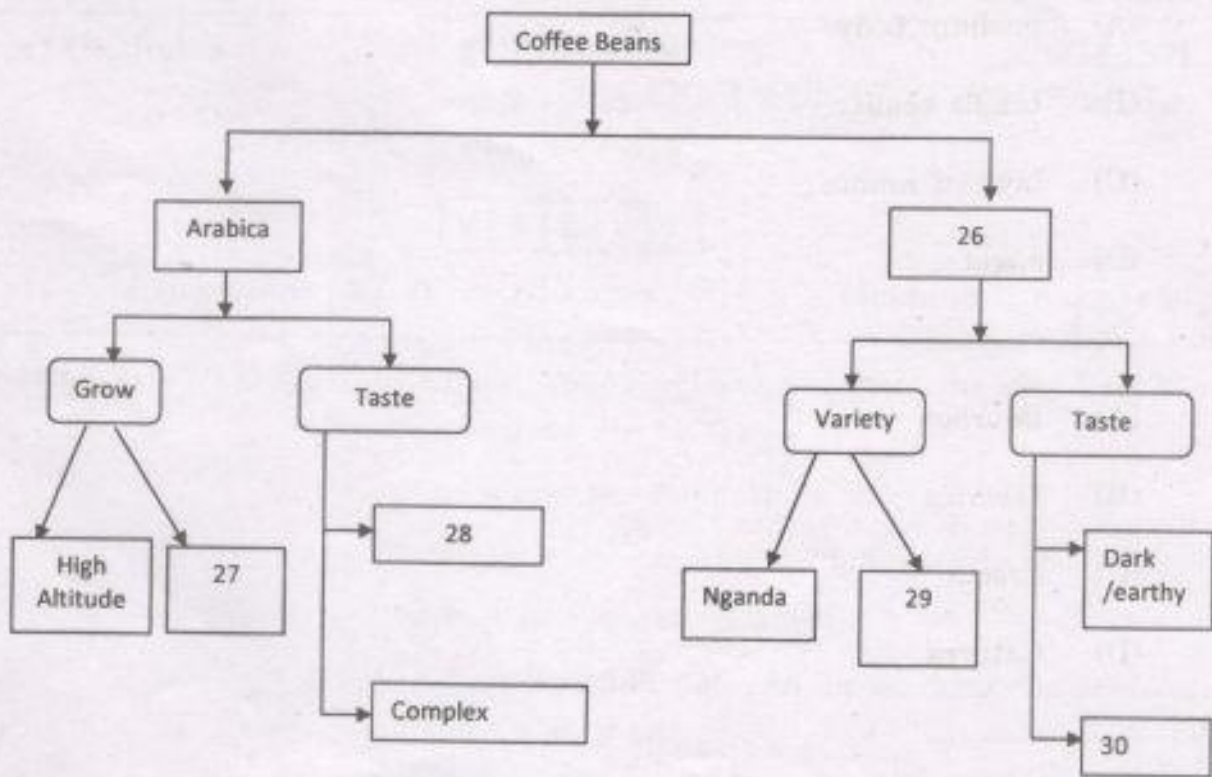
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- (A) tremendous
- (B) insignificant
- (C) sequential
- (D) deliberate

Given below is an informative passage. Interpret it in order to complete the flowchart in a single word or a phrase to bring out the main topic and sub-topics in the passage. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives provided below.

Arabica, Robusta, Liberica, and Excelsa are the four main species of the coffee plant, and all types of coffee will generally be a variety of one of these plants. The most common types of coffee beans are Arabica and Robusta. Arabica plants have the best quality when grown at high altitudes in volcanic soils, with plenty of rainfall. Arabica beans have an oval shape and are larger than Robusta beans. Robusta coffee is the second most common type of coffee. The plants get their name because they are hardier than Arabica plants, and they are less prone to disease and grow well in wider environments, including low altitudes. Robusta coffee can be categorized into the Erecta (upright varieties) or Nganda (spreading varieties). Robusta beans are smaller, and rounder and have a higher concentration of caffeine than Arabica beans.

There are dozens of varieties of Arabica coffee, but the most common are Bourbon, Caturra, and Typica. The extract taste of each Arabica coffee will depend on the variety, but it is generally sweeter and more complex than Robusta coffee. Good quality Arabica coffee has a medium body, bright acidity, and multiple layers of flavour and aroma. Most specialty coffees will be of the Arabica type. The taste of Robusta coffee beans is dark and earthy and can have bitter or burnt flavours.



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- (A) Excelsa
- (B) Bourbon
- (C) Robusta
- (D) Typica

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- (A) volcanic soil
- (B) medium body
- (C) larger than Robusta
- (D) oval shape

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- (A) medium body
- (B) bright acidity
- (C) layered aroma
- (D) sweet

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- (A) Bourbon
- (B) Liberica
- (C) Erecta
- (D) Caturra

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- (A) sweet
- (B) burnt/bitter
- (C) high in caffeine
- (D) complex