

**I. Read the following Passage**

Ants display strange social life. "Might is right" theory exists among them. Some ants are made captivate and they are forced to work as slaves, Beetles and crickets live along with the ants and clean up their nests. Ants play games, look after the sick and have funeral rites. No one is allowed to be lazy.

A naturalist did an Experiment by keeping an ant covered with mud till its head. A fellow ant saw this, but found it difficult to take it out. Then it brought a few more companions helped their fellow to come out. Ants also have reasoning powers. They cross a stream by going over the bodies of their living companions.

**Now, answer the following questions,**

**Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer the write the options (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet. (3 x1 = 3 Marks)**

1. The Captivated ants\_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) Do not work  
 (B) Always work  
 (C) always sleep  
 (D) do not sleep
2. The naturalist\_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) Killed the ant.  
 (B) Ate the ant.  
 (C) Gave birth to an ant.  
 (D) Covered the ant with mud.
3. 'Might is right' theory means?  
 (A) Survival of a strong person  
 (B) No survival for a strong person  
 (C) Survival of all people  
 (D) Survival of right handed person

**Q. (4-5) Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each****2 x 1 = 2M**

4. How do ants cross a stream?
5. What other insects live along with ants?

**II. Read the following lines.**

Let's ignore the selfish call of each region,  
and listen for once to the call of the nation.

Why do we spend our time bickering when so many tasks need finishing?

Don't we have better things to do  
than indulge in creating problems anew?

Is all this violence needed with the people being cheated?

Who will return this only son

Whom she loves a ton?

Who will bring back his brother  
whose ashes he is still to gather?

Where has all the love gone  
which resided in the heart of all?

**Now, answer the following questions,**

**Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer the write the options (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet. (3 x1 = 3 Marks)**

6. Which is a better thing to do\_\_\_\_\_ .  
 (A) To create new problems  
 (B) To finish the tasks for the sake of the nation

- (C) To waste time in thinking  
 (D) To spend our time bickering
7. Where has all the love gone which resided in the heart of the? What does the above line mean\_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) We should show our love to the people around us.  
 (B) We should remove love from our heart.  
 (C) We should live without love and heart.  
 (D) We should not love others.
8. What is the meaning of the word 'bickering'?
- (A) Wasting time  
 (B) Argue about unnecessary things  
 (C) Speaking more and working less  
 (D) Waiting for government help

**Q. (9-10) Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each** **2 x 1 = 2M**

9. Poet asks us to do few things what are they?  
 10. "Is all this violence needed with the people being cheated?" Why are the people being cheated?

**III. Read the following passage given below.**

Many years ago there was an Emperor who was so fond of new clothes that he spent all his money on them. One day, two men came to the Emperor's court. "We're weavers," they said. "We can make the most beautiful cloth in the world." The Emperor was very happy. "Our cloth is also very special," said the men. "Only wise men can see it, fools cannot,"

"That's very good," thought the Emperor. "When I wear clothes made with it, I will know who is wise and who is foolish."

The Emperor gave the men a lot of money. "Start weaving at once," he told them.

They set up two looms, and pretended to be very busy, though they had nothing at all on the looms. They asked for the finest silk and the purest gold thread. They put these in their own bags, and they worked at the empty looms until late at night.

**Now, answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet. (3x1=3 marks)**

11. **Why did the Emperor give lot of money to the two men?**
- A. To know who is wise and who is foolish  
 B. Because they were top weavers of the empire  
 C. They used golden threads to weave  
 D. To weave the most beautiful clothes in the world
12. **Emperor said "Start weaving at once". What does the expression mean?**
- A. Start weaving and complete only one piece of cloth  
 B. Start weaving immediately  
 C. start weaving and stop not till the completion  
 D. start weaving in one day
13. **According to the passage .....**
- A. The emperor was wise and the weavers were fools  
 B. The weavers were wise and the emperor was fool  
 C. The emperor and weavers were wise  
 D. The emperor and weavers were fools

**Write answers for the given questions in one or two sentences (2x1=2 Marks)**

14. As per weavers who could see the cloth and who could not see it? Was it really true?

15. Something in the passage is illogical. What is that?

**Section – B:  
Vocabulary & Grammar**

**IV. (Questions 16-20): Read the passage given below. Five sentences in the passage are numbered (16-20) at the beginning. Each of these sentences has an error. Correct and rewrite them in the answer booklet. (5x1=5 Marks)**

Bayaji was frantic. He ran around crying, 'My house, my storeyed house! It's on fire. (16) My enemy has taken revenge on me.' He entered the roaring flames, crying 'My House, my house.' (17) He climbed up, pulled the pictures of Buddha and Babasaheb from the walls and hurled them down. As he was about to come down the stairs, it crumbled down in flames. (18) People pulled up water from a nearby well to run the dreadful fire but it could not be easily contained. 'Bayaji, jump down, quick, jump,' people shouted. (19) Women and children were crying but screaming. Now that the staircase had collapsed, no one could go up. (20) Scorched in the flames, Bayaji ran around like a trapped creature, howling all the time, 'My house, my house!'

**V. Questions 21-25): Complete the passage choosing the right word from those given below it. Each blank is numbered and for each blank has four choices (A), (B), (C) or (D) given. Choose the correct answer from these choices and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet. (5x1=5 Marks)**

First, I collected a number \_\_\_\_\_ (21) large diamonds. These I put in my wallet and tied the wallet to my waist. Next, I tied one of the large pieces of meat to the middle of my back with my turban. I then lay down with my face to the ground \_\_\_\_\_ (22) waited there. There was the sound of huge wings \_\_\_\_\_ (23) me. Then I felt myself lifted up and carried to the top of the rocky walls of the valley. Soon I was in one of the nests. The merchants were surprised to \_\_\_\_\_ (24) me there, and when they heard my story, they helped me to find \_\_\_\_\_ (25) ship to go home. When I got back to Baghdad, I was a very wealthy man. I gave large amounts of money to the poor and lived peacefully in my own home.

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| 21. A. from       | B. over   | C. off      | D. of      |
| 22. A. and        | B. or     | C. but      | D. of      |
| 23. A. round      | B. around | C. surround | D. circled |
| 24. A. see        | B. saw    | C. seen     | D. seeing  |
| 25. A. no article | B. a      | C. an       | D. the     |

**Creative Writing  
(Discourses)**

Kailash Satyarthi (born 11 January 1954) is an Indian children's rights advocate and an activist against child labour. He founded the Bachpan Bachao Andolan (lit. Save the Childhood Movement) in 1980 and has acted to protect the rights of more than 83,000 children from 144 countries. It is largely because of Satyarthi's work and activism that the International Labour Organization adopted Convention No. 182 on the worst forms of child labour, which is now a principal guideline for governments around the world. His work is recognized through various national and international honours and awards including the Nobel Peace Prize of 2014, which he shared with Malala Yousafzai, a female education activist from Pakistan.

**VI. i. Write an imaginary interview with Kailash Satyarthi.**

**Or**

**ii. Write a play on child labour**

**10 Marks.**

**VII. Prepare a notice on pollution.**

**5 marks.**

Or

Write a letter to the editor of an English daily, making a plea to the common people to switch over to solar energy to conserve electricity and limit electricity bills.

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Nurturing Talent

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