

## Cloze Test

## PASSAGE 1

Many of us do not realise how radically our position in the world has altered. Political freedom has given us the great opportunity and the sacred responsibility of building up a new India free from want and disease, rid of the curse of the

1. (a) rich and the outcaste, where women will (b) poor (c) caste (d) religion
2. (a) forfeit the same rights as men and (b) enjoy (c) receive (d) enjoys
3. (a) while (b) where (c) always (d) when
- we shall live at peace 4. (a) from the rest of the world. The (b) along (c) with (d) for
5. (a) inspiration of such an India should (b) vision (c) creation (d) admiration
- sustain 6. (a) us in our work ahead. (b) you (c) all (d) them

## PASSAGE 2

My uncle was a smoker, and when we saw him smoking, we thought we should copy his example. We had no money, so we began to

7. (a) pilfer stumps of cigarettes thrown away by (b) pick (c) collect (d) have
8. (a) our uncle. The stumps were not always (b) my (c) that (d) his
9. (a) available and could not emit much smoke (b) got (c) found (d) ready
10. (a) with. So we began to steal coppers (b) well (c) either (d) good
11. (a) with (b) from (c) in (d) by
- the servant's pocket money to 12. (a) procure Indian cigarettes. But the question was where to keep them. (b) provide (c) purchase (d) buying

## PASSAGE 3

One summer a Brazilian farmer took his donkey, Pele, with him to town

13. (a) on the market place, a small boy began (b) in (c) at (d) by

14. (a) tormenting Pele with a stick, and the donkey struck (b) playing (c) teasing (d) mocking
15. (a) backward injuring the boy with a kick (b) forward (c) back (d) towards

on the head. The police chief 16. (a) ordered the farmer arrested. The (b) had (c) has (d) suggested

17. (a) boy wept so profusely in the (b) farmer (c) donkey (d) Pele

jail cell that the police chief changed his mind and locked up the 18. (a) boy instead. The charge against the (b) farmer (c) donkey (d) cow

animal was attempt to murder.

#### PASSAGE 4

Smallpox, the most devastating and feared pestilence in human history, is making its last stand in two remote areas of Ethiopia, one in the desert and one in the mountains. As of the end of August 19. (a) rarely five villages had

- (b) the  
(c) only  
(d) barely

experienced cases 20. (a) in the preceding eight weeks. More (b) about (c) of (d) on

21. (a) in necessary, the on set of the last (b) important (c) urgently (d) urgent

22. (a) necessary case was on August 9. (b) remembered (c) known (d) lately
23. (a) Because man is the only known (b) When (c) While (d) Where
24. (a) culprit of the (b) reservoir (c) producer (d) creature

smallpox virus, the disease should be eliminated forever when the last infected person recovers.

#### PASSAGE 5

When I got off the plane at Heathrow airport, I had the first taste of English hospitality. For I was immediately bounded off to a hospital. No, not because I was 25. (a) ill but to find out whether I was a carrier. And truth to say, it wasn't

- (b) wicked  
(c) senseless  
(d) low

26. (a) materially a hospital, but only the sick bay at the airport. Someone at the immigration counter had taken it (b) factually (c) actually into his (d) usually
27. (a) mind that I was too thin and an instant X-ray would be in order. Needless to say, I much (b) head (c) judgement (d) thoughts

28. (a) respected this extra attention. I would much rather have walked away like the other passengers. The X-ray (b) liked (c) resented (d) respect

29. (a) excited me as much as the discovery that the famous British sense of humour was by no means ubiquitous.  
 (b) annoyed  
 (c) pleased  
 (d) teased

### PASSAGE 6

The British lived in India for nearly a hundred and fifty years but they remained foreigners to the last, unlike all other foreign people who had come to India before.

30. (a) Many took for themselves everything they  
 (b) They  
 (c) Some  
 (d) more
31. (a) could  
 (b) would  
 (c) can  
 (d) should
- get from our land and 32. (a) poor people, leaving the country in a  
 (b) our  
 (c) their  
 (d) rich
33. (a) wretched and more miserable  
 (b) poorer  
 (c) richer  
 (d) wicked
- condition than 34. (a) it had ever been before. How  
 (b) we  
 (c) they  
 (d) you
35. (a) can we allow this to happen?  
 (b) should  
 (c) did  
 (d) could

### PASSAGE 7

To emancipate woman and make her the equal of man remains an impossibility so long as the woman is shut out from socially productive labour and restricted to private domestic labour. The emancipation of woman will only be

36. (a) possible when she can take part in production on a large social  
 (b) easy  
 (c) probable  
 (d) possibly
37. (a) proportion and domestic work  
 (b) scale  
 (c) measure  
 (d) data
- no longer claims anything but an 38. (a) trivial amount of her time. And only now has that become possible through  
 (b) insignificant  
 (c) unimportant  
 (d) frivolous
- modern large-scale 39. (a) industry which does not merely permit the  
 (b) trade  
 (c) enterprise  
 (d) factory
40. (a) absorption of female labour  
 (b) employment  
 (c) use  
 (d) interference
- over a 41. (a) wide range but positively demands it.  
 (b) broad  
 (c) large  
 (d) big

### PASSAGE 8

Gandhiji's epithet is not just honorific; it tells the truth about him. He was indeed a 'great soul'. He may have been the

42. (a) greatest of any that have made  
 (b) man  
 (c) smallest  
 (d) greater
43. (a) our appearance in our time. He  
 (b) sudden  
 (c) their  
 (d) your
44. (a) had  
 (b) was  
 (c) bore  
 (d) had been
- undoubtedly the peer of the 45. (a) known souls of previous ages from  
 (b) available  
 (c) greatest  
 (d) great
46. (a) which we have surviving  
 (b) greatest  
 (c) whom  
 (d) whose

- records of 47. (a) outstanding personalities.  
 (b) poor  
 (c) ordinary  
 (d) mundane

### PASSAGE 9

Man can speak. He has language. Animals have no language. Through the unifying force of language, a mind

48. (a) although sunk in itself combines with 49. (a) others. It is through speech that the 50. (a) property  
 (b) otherwise (b) virtues (b) ego  
 (c) further (c) principles (c) mind  
 (d) furthermore (d) people (d) anger

I have is projected 51. (a) into other minds, and those in turn 52. (a) lose part of my own. When mankind  
 (b) under (b) become  
 (c) to (c) change  
 (d) onto (d) last

learnt to preserve language through the written word the area of contact between minds 53. (a) were extended.  
 (b) has been  
 (c) was  
 (d) have been

### PASSAGE 10

What is an earthquake and how is it caused? In the early history of the earth, when it was cooling down the rocks deep in the earth's crust created huge 'islands' which floated on the softer and hotter rocks below just as wood floats on water. Slowly these 'islands' began to 54. (a) move apart to make the land-masses we call 55. (a) mountains But even

- (b) drift (b) continents  
 (c) float (c) countries  
 (d) run (d) states

now these 'islands' are not stable. Their continued but imperceptibly slow movements create stress in the rocks many miles below the 56. (a) exterior. Whenever a rock splits below, it sends a 57. (a) stir above, i.e., causes an

- (b) continents (b) shock  
 (c) countries (c) tremor  
 (d) surfaces (d) push

earthquake. There are several zones in the world where earthquakes are more likely to occur. The recent earthquake in Garhwal was 58. (a) created in such a zone of fault-line. Scientists believe that there are three other causes which

- (b) caused  
 (c) produced  
 (d) happened

lead to occurrences of earthquakes. At intervals the gravitational 59. (a) powers of the Sun and the Moon in certain  
 (b) pulls  
 (c) energy  
 (d) attractions

situations combine to exert a stronger-than-normal influence on the earth.

### PASSAGE 11

The year was 1913. The Wright brothers had just 60. (a) succeeded in making an aeroplane which 61. (a) hardly  
 (b) failed (b) really  
 (c) involved (c) highly  
 (d) successfully (d) slowly

flew. I was deeply interested in 62. (a) science and was making my own 63. (a) judgements with flying  
 (b) history (b) experiment  
 (c) flying (c) toys  
 (d) technology (d) understanding

I really **64.** (a) disbelieved in that little machine I had **65.** (a) patched together and I decided it was time  
 (b) believed (b) strapped  
 (c) relied (c) hatched  
 (d) involved (d) devised

to prove its merits.

## PASSAGE 12

We all like listening to the person who is good **66.** (a) on telling stories and will always be a **67.** (a) popular  
 (b) at (b) good  
 (c) by (c) necessary  
 (d) with (d) unique

member of any company. The art **68.** (a) on good story-telling covers much more than **69.** (a) describing  
 (b) of (b) making  
 (c) at (c) showing  
 (d) for (d) creating

up fabulous adventures; it includes telling **70.** (a) about the doing of living people or **71.** (a) insignificant  
 (b) by (b) dead  
 (c) for (c) famous  
 (d) off (d) curious

men and women of the past. **72.** (a) in your own travels and adventures and **73.** (a) experiences about the books  
 (b) about (b) desires  
 (c) through (c) worries  
 (d) with (d) wishes

you have read **74.** (a) either the films you have seen. Practising **75.** (a) an art of story-telling can be very  
 (b) all (b) a  
 (c) and (c) the  
 (d) each (d) None of these

**76.** (a) useful too.  
 (b) dangerous  
 (c) contagious  
 (d) careful

## PASSAGE 13

Many of us believe that science is something modern **77.** (a) if the truth is that **78.** (a) men has been using  
 (b) through (b) people  
 (c) unless (c) man  
 (d) when (d) Human beings

science for **79.** (a) the very long time. However, it has **80.** (a) even a greater effect on human lives in the last  
 (b) a (b) have  
 (c) that (c) had  
 (d) such (d) not

twenty-five **81.** (a) and thirty years than in the hundreds of years **82.** (a) from the invention of the plough.  
 (b) or (b) for  
 (c) either (c) since  
 (d) if (d) before

The **83.** (a) marvellous gifts of science have been made modern life **84.** (a) dull comfortable. But science has  
 (b) costly (b) exciting  
 (c) inexpensive (c) aimless  
 (d) rare (d) pointless

85. (a) at the same time created new problems. One of these, which may become  
 (b) in  
 (c) within  
 (d) of
86. (a) bad in the years to  
 (b) worse  
 (c) good  
 (d) better
- come, is that of 'jet-lag'.

### PASSAGE 14

- We are citizens of no mean country and we 87. (a) aware of the land of our birth, of our people, our  
 (b) proud  
 (c) fond  
 (d) proudy
- culture and our 88. (a) customs. That pride should not be for a romanticised past to which we have to 89. (a) glorify,  
 (b) traditions (b) sing  
 (c) festivals (c) cling  
 (d) rituals (d) clarify
- nor should it encourage exclusiveness or a want of 90. (a) appreciation of other ways than our own. It must never  
 (b) enthusiasm  
 (c) condemnation  
 (d) passion
- allow us to 91. (a) forget our many weakness and failing or 92. (a) blunt our longing to be rid of them. We  
 (b) avoid (b) demolish  
 (c) remember (c) disappear  
 (d) forbade (d) appear
- have a long way to go and much leeway to make 93. (a) out before we take our proper 94. (a) role with others  
 (b) for (b) site  
 (c) up (c) station  
 (d) into (d) stand
- in the van of human civilization and progress. And we have to 95. (a) hurry for the time at our disposal is  
 (b) ponder  
 (c) debate  
 (d) push
96. (a) sufficient.  
 (b) plenty  
 (c) limited  
 (d) scanty
- around. But he had walked only for a few minutes when it suddenly 97. (a) felt to him  
 (b) occurred  
 (c) happened  
 (d) feel
- that he was being 98. (a) followed by someone. There was really no 99. (a) reason for  
 (b) shot (b) cause  
 (c) looked (c) evidence  
 (d) watched (d) idea
- it except a very slight 100. (a) weight of footsteps. He was now walking 101. (a) from the  
 (b) sound (b) down  
 (c) hurting (c) over  
 (d) disturbance (d) away
- main street, which was crowded 102. (a) with people. He became extremely aware of the danger of people  
 (b) by  
 (c) in  
 (d) from
- threatening him.

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After this incident I went to National, and returned after nearly a month. I had **103.** (a) hardly  
 (b) barely  
 (c) merely  
 (d) rarely

taken **104.** (a) out my clothes when I saw Gangu standing **105.** (a) by  
 (b) away (b) near  
 (c) off (c) with  
 (d) on (d) at

a new body. He was **106.** (a) jumping with joy. Even Nanda **107.** (a) could not have  
 (b) bursting (b) would  
 (c) dancing (c) should  
 (d) singing (d) ought

**108.** (a) experimented such joy **109.** (a) at getting Krishna.  
 (b) shown (b) in  
 (c) felt (c) on  
 (d) heard (d) into

His face had the same **110.** (a) light that **111.** (a) comes  
 (b) glow (b) appears  
 (c) sense (c) rises  
 (d) hope (d) shows

on the face of a **112.** (a) starved man after a full meal.  
 (b) starving  
 (c) hungry  
 (d) satisfied

The honeybee is a very unusual kind of insect ..... **113.** (a) Unlike other insects which live  
 (b) Similar to  
 (c) With  
 (d) Like

alone, the honeybee lives as a/an ..... **114.** (a) group of a community. These bees live  
 (b) individual  
 (c) member  
 (d) troop

together in what is known as a bee ..... **115.** (a) house. The head of the bees is called the  
 (b) home  
 (c) army  
 (d) colony.

queen bee. She is ..... **116.** (a) heaviest than the rest of the bees. Her main task  
 (b) heavier  
 (c) largest  
 (d) larger

is to ..... **117.** (a) lay eggs.  
 (b) hatch  
 (c) make  
 (d) bear

## ANSWERS

1.	(c)	2.	(b)	3.	(d)	4.	(b)	5.	(d)	6.	(c)	7.	(c)	8.	(d)	9.	(d)	10.	(c)
11.	(b)	12.	(c)	13.	(c)	14.	(c)	15.	(d)	16.	(a)	17.	(b)	18.	(b)	19.	(c)	20.	(a)
21.	(d)	22.	(b)	23.	(b)	24.	(b)	25.	(a)	26.	(a)	27.	(c)	28.	(c)	29.	(b)	30.	(a)
31.	(a)	32.	(b)	33.	(c)	34.	(b)	35.	(d)	36.	(b)	37.	(c)	38.	(b)	39.	(d)	40.	(b)
41.	(c)	42.	(d)	43.	(c)	44.	(b)	45.	(c)	46.	(d)	47.	(a)	48.	(d)	49.	(b)	50.	(c)
51.	(d)	52.	(b)	53.	(a)	54.	(b)	55.	(b)	56.	(d)	57.	(c)	58.	(b)	59.	(d)	60.	(d)
61.	(c)	62.	(b)	63.	(c)	64.	(a)	65.	(b)	66.	(a)	67.	(b)	68.	(a)	69.	(d)	70.	(c)
71.	(a)	72.	(c)	73.	(d)	74.	(a)	75.	(a)	76.	(a)	77.	(c)	78.	(d)	79.	(b)	80.	(c)
81.	(b)	82.	(c)	83.	(a)	84.	(b)	85.	(c)	86.	(b)	87.	(b)	88.	(d)	89.	(c)	90.	(a)
91.	(c)	92.	(b)	93.	(b)	94.	(c)	95.	(d)	96.	(c)	97.	(c)	98.	(b)	99.	(d)	100.	(b)
101.	(d)	102.	(c)	103.	(a)	104.	(d)	105.	(b)	106.	(c)	107.	(a)	108.	(a)	109.	(c)	110.	(b)
111.	(a)	112.	(b)	113.	(a)	114.	(d)	115.	(d)	116.	(b)	117.	(a)						