

**CLOSE TEST**  
30 Minutes 25 Questions

**DIRECTIONS:** In the following sentences, at certain points there are blanks, each of the which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each you are given a choice of three words – one of which is most appropriate. Choose the best word out of the three. Mark the letter, viz., A, B or C relating to this word on your Answer Sheet.

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

A university stands for humanism, reason and the adventure of ideas. It stands for the onward...11...of the human race...2...higher objectives. If the universities...3...their duty adequately, then it...4...will with the nation and...5...people. But if the temple of learning itself becomes a home of narrow bigotry and petty objectives...6...will the nation prosper?

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| 1. | (a) Motion   | (b) March     |
|    | (c) Progress | (d) Marched   |
| 2. | (a) Towards  | (b) For       |
|    | (c) On       | (d) to        |
| 3. | (a) Finish   | (b) Discharge |
|    | (c) Obey     | (d) finished  |
| 4. | (a) Is       | (b) Was       |
|    | (c) Will be  | (d) Were      |
| 5. | (a) Their    | (b) Her       |
|    | (c) The      | (d) An        |
| 6. | (a) How      | (b) Why       |
|    | (c) When     | (d) Where     |

Man can speak. He has language. Animals have no language. Through the unifying force of language, a mind,...7...sunk in itself, combines with...8.... It is through speech that the...9..., I have, is projected...10...other minds, and those in turn...11...part of my own. When mankind learnt to preserve language through the written word the area of contact between minds...12...extended.

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| 7.  | (a) although   | (b) further   |
|     | (c) otherwise  | (d)           |
| 8.  | (a) virtues    | (b) others    |
|     | (c) principles | (d) principle |
| 9.  | (a) ego        | (b) property  |
|     | (c) mind       | (d) minded    |
| 10. | (a) under      | (b) to        |
|     | (c) into       | (d) from      |
| 11. | (a) change     | (b) lose      |

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- (c) become (d) changed
12. (a) has been (b) were  
(c) was (d) have been

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...13...apart to make the land-masses we call...14.... But even now these 'islands' are not stable. Their continued but imperceptibly slow movements create stress in the rock splits below, it sends a...15... above, i.e., causes an earthquake. There are several zones in the world where earthquake are more likely to occur. The recent earthquake in Garhwal was...16...in such a zone or fault-line. Scientists...17... believe that there are three other causes which lead to occurrences of earthquakes. At intervals the gravitational...18...of the sun and the moon in certain situations combine to exert a stronger than normal influence on the earth.

13. (a) moves (b) drift  
(c) float (d) moved
14. (a) mountains (b) continents  
(c) countries (d) mountain
15. (a) exterior (b) covering  
(c) surface (d) cover
16. (a) stir (b) shock  
(c) tremor (d) shocked
17. (a) created (b) caused  
(c) caused (d) create
18. (a) powers (b) pulls  
(c) energy (d) power

The year was 1913. The Wright brothers had just...19...in making an aeroplane which...20...flew. I was deeply interested in...21...and was making my own...22...with flying machines. I really...23...in that little machine I had...24...together and I decided it was time to prove its merits.

19. (a) succeeded (b) failed  
(c) involved (d) involve
20. (a) hardly (b) really  
(c) highly (d) hard
21. (a) science (b) history  
(c) flying (d) fly
22. (a) judgments (b) experiments  
(c) toys (d) toy
23. (a) disbelieved (b) believed  
(c) relied (d) believe
24. (a) patched (b) strapped  
(c) hatched (d) patch

It is not true to say that stress and anxiety are experiences of recent origin for mankind. Every era has been an age of anxiety. A few hundred years ago, for example...25...was no threat of nuclear war,...26...there was the terrible danger of...27...plague, which quite literally destroyed whole...28.... And everything in human life is...29...and contingent – you may be rich...30...and poor tomorrow, or healthy or sick; this has been true throughout history.

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|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|
| 25. | (a) | here        | (b) | then        |
|     | (c) | there       | (d) | their       |
| 26. | (a) | but         | (b) | yet         |
|     | (c) | still       | (d) | so          |
| 27. | (a) | a           | (b) | the         |
|     | (c) | that        | (d) | an          |
| 28. | (a) | continents  | (b) | populations |
|     | (c) | departments | (d) | continent   |
| 29. | (a) | impossible  | (b) | uncertain   |
|     | (c) | unbearable  | (d) | certain     |
| 30. | (a) | always      | (b) | now         |
|     | (c) | today       | (d) | till        |

<b>A N S W E R</b>
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1. (b)
2. (a)
3. (b)
4. (c)
5. (b)
6. (a)
7. (c)
8. (b)
9. (c)
10. (b)
11. (c)
12. (c)
13. (a)
14. (b)
15. (c)
16. (c)
17. (b)
18. (b)
19. (a)
20. (b)
21. (c)
22. (b)
23. (b)
24. (a)
25. (c)
26. (b)
27. (b)
28. (b)
29. (b)
30. (c)