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**Question Bank**

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## **UNIT-1**

### **PART A**

WH- questions (Question Words)

YES or NO questions

Question Tag

Simple Present Tense

Present Continuous Tense

Synonyms

One Word Substitutes

Abbreviations and Acronyms

### **PART- B**

Email Letter Writing

Interpretation of Charts

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## **PART A**

### **I WH words**

#### **a. Insert proper wh words**

- 1.---- coat is this?
- 2.---- is your telephone number?
- 3.---- are my keys?
- 4.---- do you get up? At 7 o'clock.
- 5.---- is your favorite actor? Stallone or Jason Statham?
- 6.---- is the baby crying?
- 7.---- often do you go to the theatre?
- 8.---- do you play basketball? In the school team.
- 9.---- sports do you like?
- 10.---- many brothers have you got?

**b. Transform the given sentences into yes/no sentences.**

1. My mother makes delicious cakes.
2. My sister works at a bank.
3. He spent a lot of time working on his computer.
4. His father goes to office by car.
5. The children practise the piano every morning.
6. Our team played well yesterday.
7. I met your dad yesterday.
8. He wanted to go abroad.
9. Susie sings well.
10. Maya bought a new car last week.

**II Transform these sentences into WH questions.**

1. He loves this town.
2. They like soccer
3. She can drive a lorry.
4. They are nice.
5. They went to the swimming pool.
6. She wastes her money on jewelery.
7. He decided to leave his wife.
8. She wakes up early.
9. They should revise their lessons.
10. He was born in this town.

**III Add proper Question Tag for the following sentences.**

1. I'm right, -----?
2. Shut up, -----?
3. Don't forget, -----?
4. Move a bit, -----?

5. Let's go for a walk, -----?
6. You never say what you are going, -----?
7. There is little we can do about it, -----?
8. Somebody wanted a pizza, -----?
9. He has a daughter, -----?
10. There weren't any issues, -----?
11. Ravi wants to be an actor, -----?
12. Julia visited you yesterday, -----?

#### **IV Fill in the blanks with appropriate Tense (Simple Present /Present Continuous Tense)**

Top of Form

1. Every Monday, Sally (drive)  her kids to football practice.
2. Usually, I (work)  as a secretary at ABT, but this summer I (study)  French at a language school in Paris. That is why I am in Paris.
3. Shhhhh! Be quiet! John (sleep) .
4. Don't forget to take your umbrella. It (rain) .
5. I hate living in Seattle because it (rain, always) .
6. I'm sorry I can't hear what you (say)  because everybody (talk)  so loudly.
7. Justin (write, currently)  a book about his adventures in Tibet. I hope he can find a good publisher when he is finished.
8. Jim: Do you want to come over for dinner tonight?  
Denise: Oh, I'm sorry, I can't. I (go)  to a movie tonight with some friends.
9. The business cards (be, normally)  printed by a company in New

York. Their prices (be)  inexpensive, yet the quality of their work is quite good.

10. This delicious chocolate (be)  made by a small chocolatier in Zurich, Switzerland.

A Trekking Journal  
November 12, 2020

Today (be)  the second day of my trek around Mount Annapurna. I am exhausted and my legs (shake) ; I just hope I am able to complete the trek. My feet (kill, really)  me and my toes (bleed) , but I (want, still)  to continue.

Nepal is a fascinating country, but I have a great deal to learn. Everything (be)  so different, and I (try)  to adapt to the new way of life here. I (learn)  a little bit of the language to make communication easier; unfortunately, I (learn, not)  foreign languages quickly. Although I (understand, not)  much yet, I believe that I (improve, gradually) .

I (travel, currently)  with Liam, a student from Leeds University in England. He (be)  a nice guy, but impatient. He (walk, always)  ahead of me and (complain)  that I am too slow. I (do)  my best to keep up with him, but he is younger and stronger than I am. Maybe, I am just feeling sorry for myself because I am getting old.

Right now, Liam (sit)  with the owner of the inn. They (discuss)  the differences between life in England and life in Nepal. I (know, not)  the real name of the owner, but everybody (call, just)  him Tam. Tam (speak)  English very well and he (try)

to teach Liam some words in Nepali. Every time Tam (say)  a new word, Liam (try)  to repeat it. Unfortunately, Liam (seem, also)  to have difficulty learning foreign languages. I just hope we don't get lost and have to ask for directions.

**V Choose the appropriate Synonyms for the underlined word from the options given.**

1. The attainment of a developed status by 2020 does not mean that we can then rest on our laurels.

- A failures
- B rewards
- C wealth
- D criticisms

2. “To my immediate right the Nanda Pal glacier slopes down sharply — of course for the fact that ends in a cold and menacing snout with icy waters flowing below”.

- A threatening
- B pacifying
- C attracting
- D repelling

3. Fluttering and twittering are the admirable actions of birds.

- A Chirping
- B Picking
- C Dancing
- D Dropping

4. The word Trauma which is originated from Greek means

- A Culminating point
- B An emotional shock
- C Soul or mind
- D Confusion or disorder

5. And in his mantle muffling up his face.

- A Cloak
- B Clock

C Mettle

D Metal

6. Was it perversity that I longed to talk to him?

A acceptable behaviour

B good behaviour

C unacceptable behaviour

D bad behaviour

7. Lakshmibai is the most famous Indian woman to have defied the British

A Opposed

B Accepted

C Considered

D Joined

8. Match the synonyms with their meanings

(a) Coarse                      1. Push Roughly in a crowd

(b) Invidious                2. Unjust

(c) Exodus                    3. Rough

(d) Jostle                      4. Mass movement from one place

9. Where did this grit come from?

A great

B apparent

C determination

D obvious

10. The man held out his battered hat for alms.

A new

B beaten out of shape

C woolen cloth

D beautiful

11. Michael is bored with his daily Chores.

A plans

B obstacles

C lessons

D tasks

12.What does the word ‘seclusion’ mean?

- A being together
- B being united
- C being alone
- D being partial

13.Malar felt **elated** and decided to give her best.

- A sorrow
- B happy
- C very happy
- D very happy and excited

14.The King **summoned** his subjects for a mass prayer.

- A dictated
- B ordered
- C gathered
- D called

15.Match the synonym in Column A with the relevant meaning in Column B

**Column A**

**Column B**

- |                 |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) Futile      | L A formal religious function |
| (b) Perils      | 2. Useless                    |
| (c) Lapsed into | 3. Dangers                    |
| (d) Ceremony    | 4. Passed gradually           |

16.Let me not to the marriage of true minds admit **impediments**. Love is not love what does impediment mean?

- A Love
- B Mind
- C Marriage
- D Obstacle

17. I am deeply **concerned** about the way

- A wounded
- B interested
- C worried
- D affected



18. She made herself **indispensable** to her institution

A essential

B vital

C meagre

D negligible

19. We believe that as a nation and as a people we need to shed our cynicism and **initiate** concrete action to realise the second vision

A stop

B begin

C instruct

D install

20. Match the words under Column – A with their synonyms under Column – B and select correct code :

**Column A**

(a) profound

(b) massacre

(c) humming

(d) limping

**Column B**

1. buzzing

2. deep and strong

3. walking slowly

4. mass murder

**Choose the most appropriate answer.**

1. This bottle ..... about a liter of water.

☐ comprises ☐ consists of ☐ contains ☐ includes

2. Betty, you promised to help me with my homework. Now ..... your promise!

☐ execute ☐ fulfill ☐ perform ☐ realize

3. I think you have a good chance of getting your money back. .... on wood.

☐ Beat ☐ Hit ☐ Knock ☐ Strike

4. She doesn't have any ..... of humor.

☐ emotion ☐ feeling ☐ sensation ☐ sense

5. He was fired and couldn't find another. .... in his field.

☐ job ☐ labor ☐ toil ☐ work

6. She won first ..... in a local chess tournament.

☐ award ☐ premium ☐ prize ☐ reward

7. How can you accuse me of such a thing! That's ..... !

☐ amusing ☐ comical ☐ humorous ☐ ridiculous

8. She had ..... appendicitis and had to undergo an operation.

☐ acute ☐ keen ☐ sharp ☐ piercing

9. Five planets in our solar system are visible to the ..... eye.

☐ bare ☐ naked ☐ nude ☐ uncovered

10. The weather is nice this morning. It's not hot yet, and there's a ..... breeze from the sea.

☒ chilling ☐ chilly ☐ cold ☐ cool

## **VI Give One Word Substitutes for the following sentences.**

(Numismatics , Autobiography ,Ecology, Amphibian, Infanticide ,Bilingual, Planetarium ,Funambulist, Astrology, Genetics)

1. A land animal that breeds in water.
2. Study of the influence of planets and stars on human events.
3. A person who speaks two languages .
4. One who walks on ropes.
5. Study of collection of coins, tokens, paper money etc.

6. The killing of a new born child.
7. Writing of one's own life story.
8. An optical device for projecting various celestial images and effects.
9. Study of hereditary, genes and variation in living organisms.
10. Study of the relation between the organism and their environment

## **VII Abbreviations**

1. UNESCO
2. ATM
3. FAQ
4. POLICE
5. AICTE
6. SIM
7. TNPSC
8. pdf
9. Prof.
10. esp.

## **PART B**

### **Email Letter Writing**

1. Write an e-mail to your cousin advising him how to use the internet.
2. Write an e-mail to your friend giving him some tips telling him how to fight global warming
3. Write an e-mail to the editor of The Indian Express in about 100 words on the issue of the indiscriminate cutting of trees.
4. Write an e-mail to the editor of a newspaper regarding the poor conditions of the government hospitals in Kolkata. Give your suggestions for improvement.
5. Write an e-mail to the Principal of your school requesting him to give you one week's leave as your grandmother expired last night.
6. You purchased a colour television from M/s Diamond Electronics, Bhagirath Palace, New Delhi. Since the television is now not working

properly, write an e-mail to the company asking for its replacement immediately.

7. The sanitary conditions of your locality are in a bad shape. Write an e-mail to the sanitary inspector.
8. As a member of your residential society, write an email addressing the inspector of local police station, Mr. Sharma, complaining about the miscreants creating nuisance with their rash bike riding every evening outside your society.  
(*residential area - ride - rashly - children - play - elderly - walk - grocery shop - across the road - dangerous - accidents - nuisance - action - immediately*)
9. You are a project manager and you took the help of Billy, an additional resource, to complete the task in time. Write a "Thank You" email to Billy appreciating his timely help including the below phrases in the email.  
(*Accepting join - project months time - location constraints - flexibility - hard work - technical expertise invaluable - high complexity task - co-operating - deliver service - critical moment - deadlines - savior - look forward - to working with you - all the best*)
10. Write a congratulatory email to your friend about getting a new job.

## **II . Interpretation of Charts**

1. Interpret the following table.

The results of half yearly and annual examinations are shown in the table given below.

Result	No. of Students			
	Section A	Section B	Section C	Section D
Students failed in both Exams	28	23	17	27
Students failed in half-yearly but passed in Annual Exams	14	12	8	13
Students passed in half-yearly but failed in Annual Exams	6	17	9	15
Students passed in both Exams	64	55	46	76

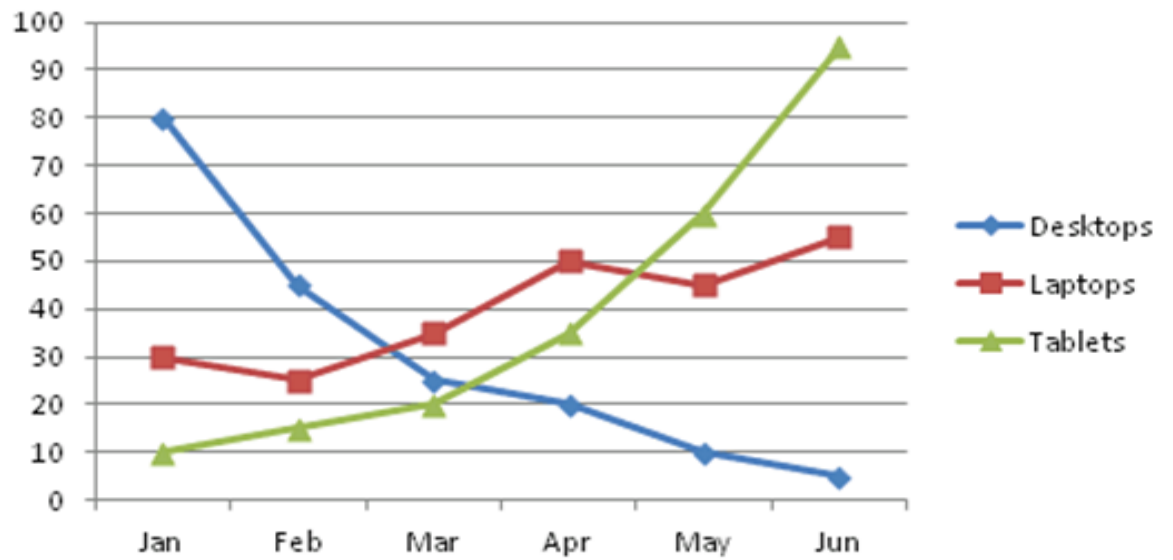
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The following table summarise the waiting time (in seconds) for customers.

Answer Time	Frequency	Percentage	Cumulative Percentage
5 to less than 10	8	16%	16%
10 to less than 15	15	30%	46%
15 to less than 20	18	36%	82%
20 to less than 25	6	12%	94%
25 to less than 30	3	6%	100%
TOTAL	50	100%	

2. Interpret the following graph.

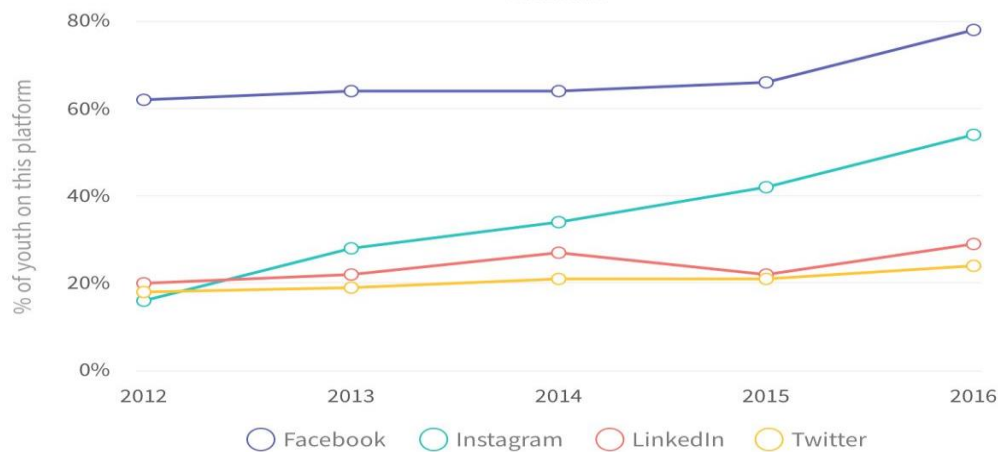
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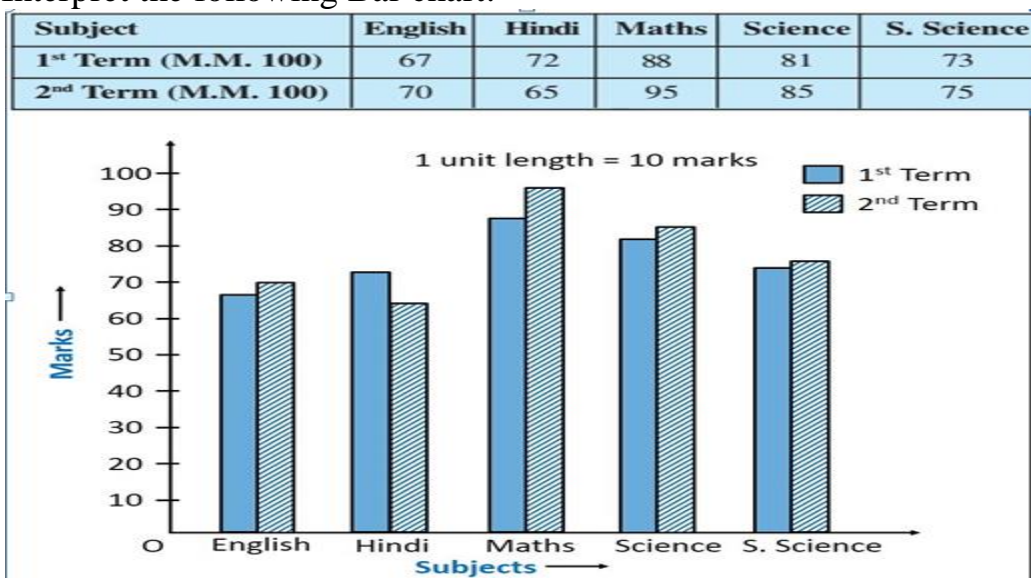
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## Reach of Social Media Platforms among youth

2012-2016

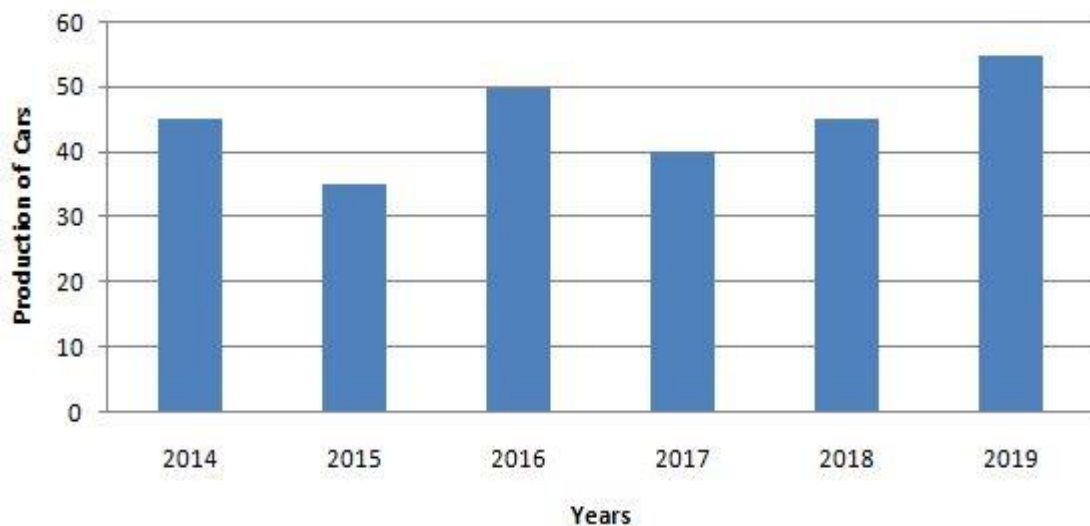


3. Interpret the following Bar chart.

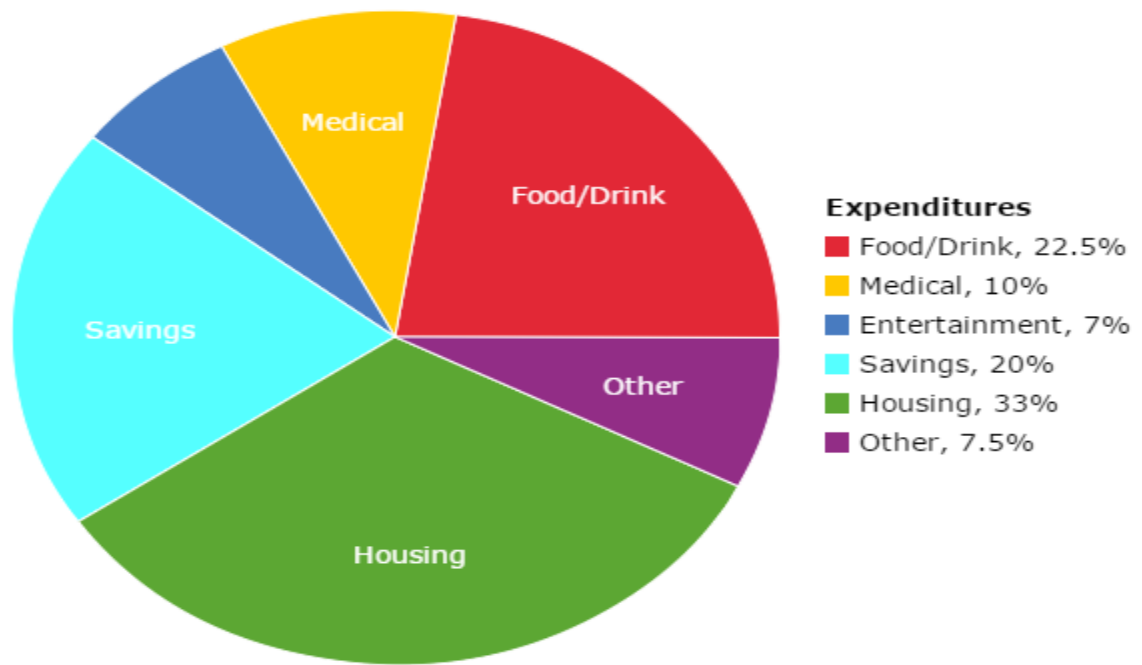


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**Production of Cars in each year by a Company**

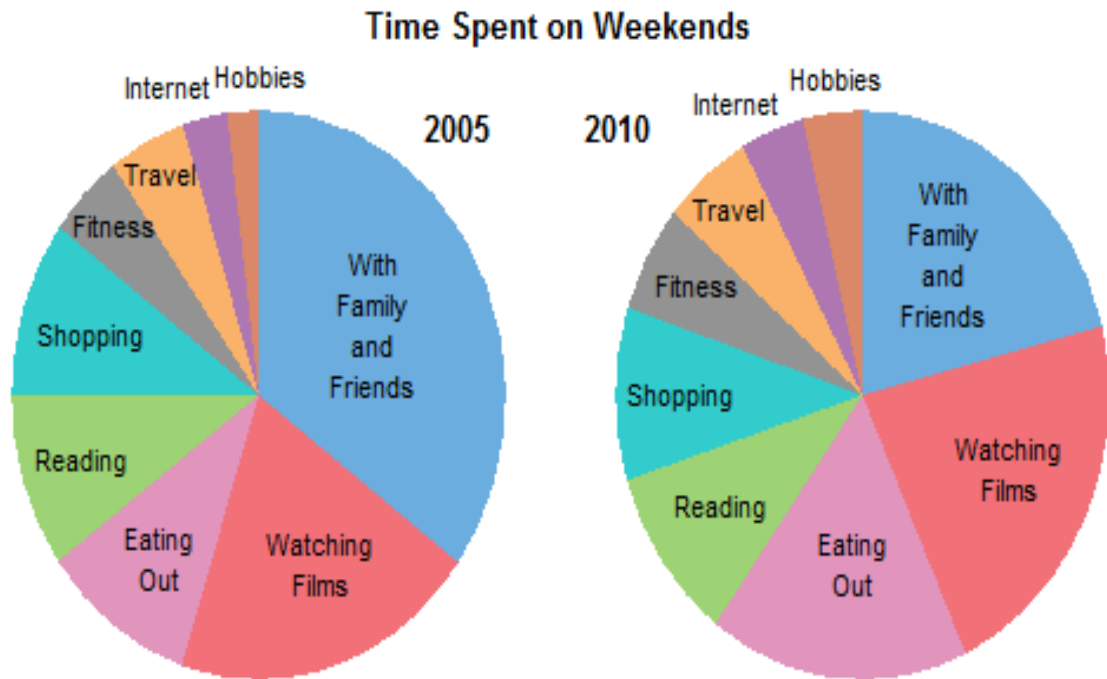


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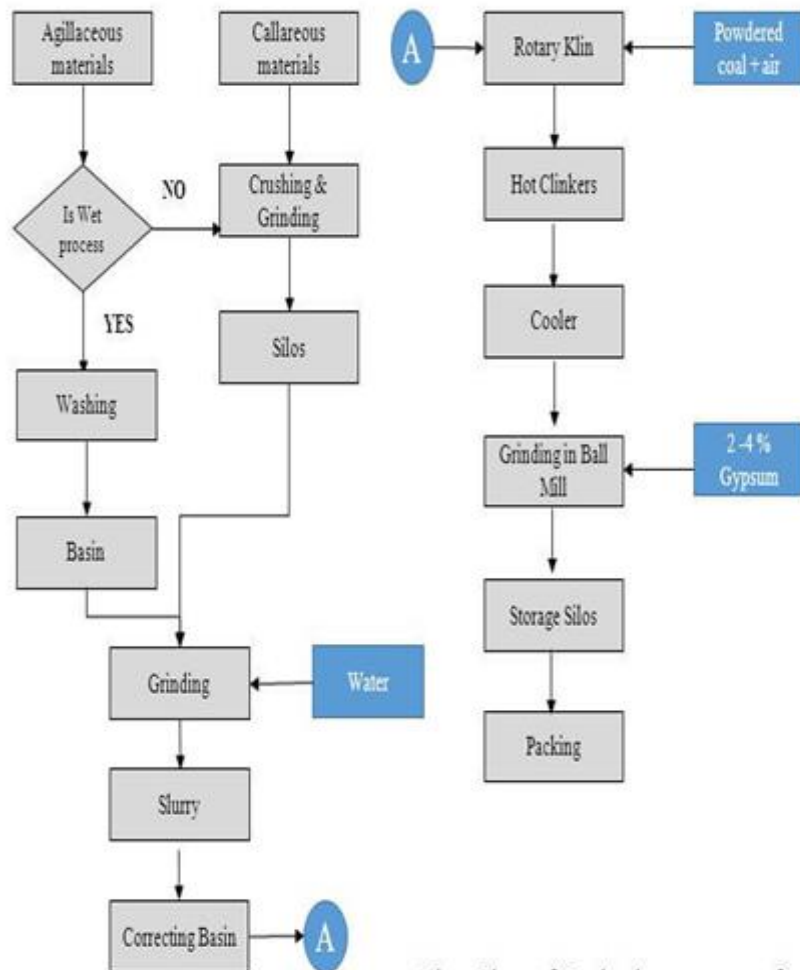


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5. Interpret the following Flow chart.



OR

Flow Chart of Portland cement manufacturing process

# The Process Flow-Chart



## PART A

Preposition

Simple Past Tense

Subject-Verb Agreement

Prefix- Suffix

Synonyms-Antonyms

Phrasal verbs

## PART B

Paragraph writing

Essay writing

Reading: Technical blog, Travelogues, Newspaper

Speaking: Narrating personal experience

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## PART A

### I.Preposition

1. Turn right ----- the traffic lights.
2. She is not here, she is ----- holiday.
3. A comes ----- B in the alphabet.
4. The cat is sitting ----- the wall.
5. Emily left school ----- the age of 16.
6. I'll see you ----- Monday morning.
7. Do not open the tin ----- a knife!
8. This laptop belongs ----- our teacher.
9. The film was very funny ----- the end.
10. We've been here ----- four days now.
11. I have a meeting ----- 9am.
12. The shop closes ----- midnight.
13. Jane went home ----- lunchtime.
14. In England, it often snows ----- December.

15. Do you think we will go to Jupiter -----the future?
16. There should be a lot of progress -----the next century.
17. Her birthday is -----20 November -----Monday.
18. Where will you be -----New Year's Day?
19. Hamlet was written -----Shakespeare.
20. John is a student -----Oslo university.
21. The temperature was -----zero.
22. You have to write the paper -----hand.
23. We live -----the main road, so it is always very loud.
24. The trains are seldom -----time.
25. There were a lot of people at our party.
26. Your room is -----the second floor.
27. Can you translate this from English -----French?
28. -----August 1st we'll go to Stratford.
29. What happened -----the morning -----18th April -----1906?
30. What happened -----20th July -----1969 -----about 3 am?

I'm Peter and I live ----- Germany. In summer I like to travel -----Italy, because of the weather and the people there. Last summer I took a plane ----- Munich -----Rome. From the airport we went **to** our hotel **by** bus. We stopped -----a small restaurant -----a quick meal. The driver parked the bus -- ----the restaurant. Nobody could find the bus and the driver, so we waited -----the restaurant -----one hour. The driver was walking -----the small park near the restaurant which we did not know. So we were very angry -----him. But my holidays were great. We sat round campfires and went dancing -----the early mornings.

## **II.Simple Past Tense and Past continuous Tense**

1. I----- (sleep). I didn't hear the door bell.
2. I ----- (phone)her many times but she didn't answer.
3. 'What ----you ----- (do) then?' 'I was watching TV.'
4. He ----- ( steal) money from the rich and gave it to the poor.
5. 'Did you meet James yesterday?' 'Yes, I ----- (meet) him.'
6. The train ----- (arrive) at 6.30.
7. The children ----- (sleep) when their mother ----- (get) home.
8. As I ----- (walk) down the street, I saw a strange sight.

9. I ----- (have) dinner when the lights went out.
10. It ----- (take) me quite sometime to learn French.
11. We ----- (sit) at the breakfast table when the doorbell ----- (ring).
12. He ----- (meet) a lot of friendly people while he ----- (work) in California.
13. When they ----- (leave) the museum, the sun ----- (shine).
14. The students ----- (play) cards when the teacher ----- (come) in.
15. While the children ----- (sleep), their parents ----- (watch) TV.
16. It ----- (start) to rain while she ----- (water) the flowers in her garden.
17. When I ----- (open) the door, it ----- (rain).
18. While Henry ----- (have) a drink at the bar, his wife was swimming in the sea.
19. He heard a loud bang while he ----- (talk) to his friend.
20. While he ----- (take) a shower, his dogs ----- (eat) his steaks.

### **III. Subject-Verb Agreement**

1. Man and woman ----- (is/are) complementary to each other.
2. Plenty of mangoes and bananas ----- (is/are) available in this season.
3. A dictionary and an atlas ----- (is/are) missing from the library.
4. The leader as well as his brothers ----- (belongs/belong) to the same tribe.
5. Cats and dogs ----- (does/do) not get along.
6. The brothers as well as their sister ----- (is/are) good at their studies.
7. The students accompanied by their teacher ----- (has/have) gone on a picnic.
8. A lot of houses ----- (has/have) collapsed in the storm.
9. The children as well as their mother ----- (was/were) missing.
10. A large sum of money ----- (was/were) stolen.
11. Emily and Greg----- (comes, come) to my house every Friday for lunch.
12. There----- (is, are) time to watch the movie .

13. My father or my brothers----- (is, are) coming with me to play a musical instrument.
14. The lacrosse team----- (hopes, hope) to the tournament next week.
15. Your trousers----- (needs, need) to be cleaned.
16. Even though the students like the class, a few----- (thinks, think) that it is too complicated.
17. That bag of oranges----- (looks, look) fresh.
18. Everyone----- (needs, need) time to relax.
19. My friends who are in the band----- (wants, want) me to play a musical instrument.
20. Some of the books on the shelf----- (is, are) dusty.

#### **IV. Prefix- Suffix**

**Add prefix to form antonyms of the following words:**

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| a. behave      | f. believable |
| b. legitimate  | g. mature     |
| c. responsible | h. climax     |
| d. do          | i. known      |
| e. approve     | j. stop       |

**Add suffix to form Verb/ Noun/ Adjective of the following words:**

Verb	Noun	Adjective
-----	illumination	illuminate
discriminate	-----	discriminating
enjoy	enjoyment	-----

Verb	Noun	Adjective
-----	-----	disappointing
help	-----	helpful
-----	definition	definite
deliberate	-----	deliberate
create	-----	creative
-----	-----	inviting
astonish	-----	astonishing
culture	culture	-----
-----	colour	colourful
drink	-----	drinkable
energize	-----	energetic
-----	drive	-----
economize	-----	economical

## V.Synonyms-Antonyms

Match the following words with their synonyms: Column 'A' Column 'B'

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| i. loyal     | a) foe      |
| ii. rightful | b) float    |
| iii. enemy   | c) faithful |
| iv. drift    | d) correct  |

Choose the SYNONYM of the italicised part of the sentence.



1. She adjusted quite well with her husband's idiosyncrasies.  
(A) peculiar habits (B) bad habits (C) weaknesses (D) stupid manners (**Ans : A**)
2. He is employed in an ordnance factory.  
(A) orthodox (B) arms and ammunition  
(C) electrical and electronic (D) ordinary and common (**Ans : B**)
3. I cannot believe in the veracity of his statement.  
(A) truth (B) usefulness (C) sincerity (D) falsity (**Ans : A**)
4. Although the boys in his class were naughty, he never resorted to corporal punishment.  
(A) harsh (B) physical (C) unjust (D) general (**Ans : B**)
5. The decision to drop the atom bomb on Hiroshima was a grave one.  
(A) serious (B) momentous (C) instinctive (D) impulsive (**Ans : A**)
6. He is a sycophant who tries to win over politicians.  
(A) a psychologist (B) an opportunist (C) an unscrupulous man (D) a flatterer  
(**Ans : D**)

**7. The two executioners approached the tree with a red mark on its side.**

**(A) executive engineers (B) explorers**

**(C) experimenters (D) those who inflict capital punishment (Ans : D)**

**8. She takes after her mother.**

**(A) follows (B) comes after (C) resembles (D) imitates (Ans : C)**

**9. The spectators looked at the batsman in amazement when he hit sixer after sixer.**

**(A) shock (B) wonder (C) surprise (D) suspicion (Ans : A)**

**10. He has an electrifying presence.**

**(A) attractive (B) fearsome (C) exciting (D) disturbing (Ans : C)**

**11. I can no longer be satisfied with fictitious good conduct.**

**(A) based on facts (B) based on imagination**

**(C) based on works of fiction (D) based on feudal ties (Ans : C)**

**12. Please do not interfere with my work.**

**(A) meddle (B) help (C) object (D) copy (Ans : A)**

**13. People thronged to pay homage to the departed leader.**

**(A) humility (B) tribute (C) obedience (D) allegiance (Ans : B)**

**14. The article was so well written that it merited careful study.**

**(A) deserved (B) encouraged (C) prompted (D) supported (Ans : A).**

**15. His speech was full of *affectation*.**

**A. Boasting**

**B. Pretence**

**C. Pedantry**

**D. Euphemism**

**16. People who hold very unorthodox views are sometimes *ostracised*.**

**A. Hated**

**B. Shut out from society**

**C. Criticised**

**D. Applauded**

## **VI. Phrasal verbs**

**1. The truth finally \_\_\_\_\_ me. (dawned on/dawned about)**

2. He \_\_\_\_\_ as if nothing had happened. (carried on, carried through)
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ all struggle. (gave up / gave out)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the light, please. (Switch on, switch for)
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ her mother. (takes in, takes after)
6. Children \_\_\_\_\_ whatever they hear. (blurt out, blurt about)
7. Junoon has just \_\_\_\_\_ a new winter collection. (brought up, brought out)
8. The Panda is in danger of \_\_\_\_\_. (drying out, drying in)
9. All the tickets of the Barcelona Cup have been \_\_\_\_\_. (sold away, sold out)
10. Why are you \_\_\_\_\_. (looking around, looking for)
11. Please, \_\_\_\_\_ your shoes. (take off, take out)
12. Have the factory workers \_\_\_\_\_ the strike? (called of, called off)
13. He did not \_\_\_\_\_ my request. (accede to, accede for)
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ drinking after his failure in love. (took to, took in)
15. You can \_\_\_\_\_ this deficiency. (make out, make up)
16. Girls \_\_\_\_\_ to greet their favorite teacher. (turned on, turned out)
17. He \_\_\_\_\_ book of all kinds. (deals in, deals of)
18. The government has \_\_\_\_\_ all projects. (cast by, cast aside)
19. All the fruit in the basket has \_\_\_\_\_. (gone off, gone out)
20. His oratory \_\_\_\_\_ the feelings of the crowd. (worked up, worked out)

## **PART B**

### **a. NARRATIVE ESSAY**

**Write an Essay on the following Topics.**

- ☐ A memorable wedding or funeral
- ☐ An exciting minute or two of a football game (or another sporting event)
- ☐ Your first or last day at a job or new school
- ☐ A memorable moment of failure or success
- ☐ An encounter that changed your life or taught you a lesson
- ☐ A frightening or dangerous experience
- ☐ A memorable journey
- ☐ Your first visit to the countryside (or to a large city)
- ☐ A significant or comic misunderstanding
- ☐ An experience that showed how appearances can be deceiving
- ☐ An account of a difficult decision that you had to make

- ☐ An event that marked a turning point in your life
- ☐ An experience that altered your view of someone
- ☐ Your first time away from home
- ☐ An experience that made you laugh until you cried
- ☐ An eyewitness account of an important event
- ☐ A description of your favorite place
- ☐ Your dream job and what it would be like

## **b. PARAGRAPH WRITING**

1. Write a paragraph about an important person in history. Be sure to address the topic of the paragraph, such as that person's career, birthplace or prominent contribution. Use supporting sentences to expand on the topic chosen.
2. Write a paragraph about your bedroom at home. Be descriptive, and use adjectives to describe how the space looks and how you feel when you are in your bedroom.
3. Write a paragraph about a holiday that you do not celebrate. Use facts within the supporting sentences to explain the holiday and the traditions that are associated with it.
4. Write a paragraph about an insect. Make sure to use scientific data and observations to create strong support within the paragraph.
5. Write a paragraph arguing your opinion on a controversial topic. Make sure to use factual information to support your opinion, and conclude with why you feel the way that you do.
6. Write a descriptive paragraph about your garden. Identify the plants that are in the garden, and use descriptive phrases to make the reader feel as if they are walking through your garden.
7. Write a paragraph providing instructions on how to code your favorite game. Be sure to offer clear direction, and don't forget to use transitional phrases to guide the reader from one step to the next.
8. Write a paragraph about a new invention that you would create. Use descriptive phrases to describe your invention and to support the topic.
9. Write a persuasive paragraph asking your classmates to help take care of the school better. Offer several reasons within your supporting sentences as to why they should care about the well-being of their school building.
10. Write a paragraph describing a recent vacation that you took with your family. Be sure to describe the paragraph in detail, and conclude with what you loved most about your trip.

