



## Competitive Exams English Language and Comprehension Set 1

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Direction (Q. 1-5) : Read the following passage carefully answer the questions given below the passage. Certain words/phrases in the passage are given in bold to focus them while answering some of the questions.

A man may usually be known by the books he reads as a companionship of books as well as of men and one should always live in the best company, whether it be of books or of men. A good book may be among the best of friends. it is the same today that it always was and it will never change. it is the most patient and cheerful of companions. it does not turn its back upon us in times of adversity or distress. it always receives us with the same kindness; amusing and interesting us in youth. Comforting and consoling us in age.

Q-1 "A man may usually be known by the books he reads" because

- (a) books provide him a lot of knowledge
- (b) The books he reads affect his thinking and character
- (c) His selection of books generally reveals his temperament and character
- (d) His reading habit shows that he is a scholar

Q-2. Which one of the following would be the most suitable title for the passage?

- (a) books are useful for our youth
- (b) books as man's abiding friends
- (c) books show the reader's character
- (d) the importance of books in old age

Q-3. Which of the following statement is not true?

- (a) Good books as well as good men always provide the finest company.
- (b) We have sometimes to be patient with a book as it may bore us
- (c) A good book serves as a permanent friend
- (d) A good book never betrays us

Q-4. Which of the following is opposite in meaning to the word "adversity" occurring in the passage?

- (a) Progress

- (b) Happiness
- (c) Prosperity
- (d) Misfortune

Q-5. The statement "A good book may be among the best friend" in the middle of the passage, means that

- (a) A good book can be included among the best friends of mankind
- (b) Our best friends read the same good books
- (c) There cannot be a better friend than a good book
- (d) Books may be good friends, but not better than good man

Directions(Q. 6-8 ): in the following questions, the first and last parts of the sentence are numbered 1 and 6. The rest. Part of the sentence is spilt into four parts and named P,Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence and find out which of the combination is correct.

Q-6. 1: There is

P : no such thing

Q : from one nation

R : as the gift

S : of independence

6 : to another

- (a) QPRS
- (B) RSPQ
- (C) PRSQ
- (D) SPQR

Q-7. 1 : it was all

P : that seemed

Q : and glamor us here

R : very wonderful

S : in the old places

6 : so ordinary

(a) RQSP

(b) PRSQ

(C) QSPR

(D) SPRQ

Q-8. 1 : The rain drops

P : and they fell to the ground

Q : in a shower of

R : to stay in the cloud

S : were to large and heavy

6 : large rain drops

(a) SQRP

(b) PRSQ

(c) SRPQ

(d) RPSQ

Directions (Q.9-11) : Choose the correct form of verb from the given choice:

Q-9. Each of the sister ..... clever

(a) were

(b) has

(c) are

(d) is

(c)

Q-10. The Governor with his aide-de-camp ..... arrived.

(a) has

(b) have

(c) are

(d) were

Q-11. Hari and Ram ..... here.

(a) was

(b) are

(c) is

(d) were

(b)

Directions (Q. 12 - 13) in each of the following questions, choose the word with opposite meaning to the given word with opposite meaning to the given word out of the given alternatives

Q-12. Minor

(a) heightened

(b) big

(c) tall

(d) major

Q-13. Former

(a) later

(b) big

(c) tall

(d) major

Directions (Q. 14-15) : Choose the correct word to complete the sentences from the given choice

Q-14. Neither of the boys could express ..... ideas.

(a) These

(b) There

(c) his

(d) him

Q-15. .... goes there?

(a) how

(b) What

(c) Whom

(d) Who

(d)

Explanation:

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