

CUET 2024 English (New) Set C Question Paper with Solutions

Total Time Allowed : 45 minutes	Maximum Marks : 200	Total Questions : 50	Questions to be answered : 40
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Question 1

Fill in the blanks in List-I with the Phrasal verbs in List-II:

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Phrasal Verbs)
(A) She is financially very smart and has set aside a few thousand rupees ___ for her retirement.	(I) puts up
(B) He is clever, but his gruff exterior makes most people get ___ by it.	(II) put away
(C) I wonder how she ___ with his erratic behaviour.	(III) puts in
(D) Every day she ___ ten to twelve hours of study; she will certainly crack the CAT exam.	(IV) put off

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (A) - (II), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (III)
- (2) (A) - (I), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (IV)
- (3) (A) - (II), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)
- (4) (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

Correct Answer: (1)

Solution: The correct matches are:

- (A) put away – saving money for retirement.
- (B) put off – makes people delay their reactions.
- (C) puts up – tolerating erratic behavior.
- (D) puts in – dedicating effort to study.

Thus, the correct answer is **(1)**.

Quick Tip

Understand the contextual meaning of phrasal verbs to match them correctly with the sentences.

Question 2

Choose the appropriate option to complete the following sentence:

Kalyani made her children ___ chores on Sunday.

- (1) make some
- (2) take some
- (3) do some
- (4) does some

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The phrase "do some chores" is the correct collocation in English to describe performing household tasks. Hence, the correct answer is **(3) do some**.

Quick Tip

Learn common collocations to ensure the sentence sounds natural and grammatically correct.

Question 3

Choose the correct antonym for 'veracity' from the options given below:

- (1) fallacy
- (2) arduous
- (3) diminutive
- (4) demure

Correct Answer: (1)

Solution: The word "veracity" means truthfulness or accuracy. Its antonym is "fallacy," which means falsehood or a misleading statement. Hence, the correct answer is **(1) fallacy**.

Quick Tip

Focus on the meaning and the tone of the word to select the correct antonym.

Question 4

Rearrange the parts of a sentence in the correct sequence to make a meaningful sentence:

- (A) the largest known rodent have determined that
- (B) bite was as strong as a tiger's
- (C) the prehistoric herbivore's front
- (D) scientists analyzing the skull of

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (A), (B), (C), (D)
- (2) (D), (C), (B), (A)

(3) (B), (A), (D), (C)

(4) (D), (A), (C), (B)

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: The correct sequence is:

(D) scientists analyzing the skull of

(C) the prehistoric herbivore's front

(B) bite was as strong as a tiger's

(A) the largest known rodent have determined that.

Thus, the correct answer is **(2)**.

Quick Tip

Identify the subject of the sentence and organize the parts around it for logical coherence.

Question 5

Choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word:

I am not convinced of his duplicity in this matter.

(1) deceit

(2) usefulness

(3) emotion

(4) wisdom

Correct Answer: (1)

Solution: The word "duplicity" refers to deceitfulness or double-dealing. The nearest meaning is **(1) deceit**.

Quick Tip

Focus on the negative tone of the word in the sentence to identify its correct meaning.

Question 6

Rearrange the following parts to make a meaningful sentence:

(A) provide opportunities and increase possibilities to

(B) telemedicine is one way

(C) effectively use available human and material resources

(D) of practising medicine which may

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (C), (A), (B), (D)
- (2) (B), (D), (A), (C)
- (3) (B), (A), (D), (C)
- (4) (D), (A), (C), (B)

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The correct sequence is:

- (B) telemedicine is one way
- (A) provide opportunities and increase possibilities to
- (D) of practising medicine which may
- (C) effectively use available human and material resources.

Hence, the correct answer is **(3)**.

Quick Tip
Begin with the main subject or topic and arrange supporting details logically.

Question 7

Match the blanks in List-I with appropriate Homonyms in List-II:

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Homonyms)
(A) We waited with ___ breath for the winner to be announced.	(I) discrete
(B) Moving quietly into position, she ___ the trap and waited.	(II) discreet
(C) You ought to make a few ___ enquiries before you sign anything.	(III) bated
(D) Organisms can be divided into ___ categories.	(IV) baited

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (A) - (IV), (B) - (III), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)
- (2) (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)
- (3) (A) - (III), (B) - (II), (C) - (I), (D) - (IV)
- (4) (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The correct matches are:

- (A) bated – "bated breath" means holding one's breath in anticipation.
- (B) discreet – refers to being careful or prudent.
- (C) discrete – means distinct or separate.
- (D) baited – refers to luring or attracting, as in a trap.

Thus, the correct answer is **(3)**.

Quick Tip

When matching homonyms, focus on the context of each sentence to select the correct word.

Question 8

The synonym of 'fastidious' is:

- (1) strong
- (2) finicky
- (3) brave
- (4) weak

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: The word "fastidious" means very attentive to detail or hard to please. A synonym for this is **(2) finicky**, which conveys the same meaning.

Quick Tip

Identify the tone and context of the word to choose the closest synonym.

Question 9

Rearrange the phrases to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) BMI model is an obsolete method for calculating
- (B) suggesting that the athlete get a fat to muscle mass index scan done
- (C) the fitness level of an individual
- (D) the dietician said that the

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (A), (C), (B), (D)
- (2) (D), (A), (C), (B)
- (3) (B), (D), (A), (C)
- (4) (C), (D), (B), (A)

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: The correct sequence is:

- (D) the dietician said that the
- (A) BMI model is an obsolete method for calculating
- (C) the fitness level of an individual
- (B) suggesting that the athlete get a fat to muscle mass index scan done.

Hence, the correct answer is **(2)**.

Quick Tip

Arrange the phrases logically by identifying the main subject and building the sentence around it.

Question 10

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word:

The British Raj regularly ___ vernacular newspapers that printed articles advocating for Indian home rule.

- (1) prescribed
- (2) proscribed
- (3) probated
- (4) popularised

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: The word "proscribed" means forbidden or banned, which fits the context of the British Raj restricting vernacular newspapers. Hence, the correct answer is **(2) proscribed**.

Quick Tip

Focus on the historical and contextual use of the word to determine the correct answer.

Question 11

Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in the following sentence:

The alibi offered by the suspect in the chain-snatching incident did not appear to be ____.

- (1) credible
- (2) creditable
- (3) credulous
- (4) considerable

Correct Answer: (1)

Solution: The word "credible" means believable or trustworthy, which fits the context of an alibi being questioned. Hence, the correct answer is **(1) credible**.

Quick Tip

Differentiate between similar-sounding words by focusing on their specific meanings and usage.

Question 12

Choose the correct synonym for the given word:

Pique

- (1) Resentment
- (2) Ravage
- (3) Calm
- (4) Docile

Correct Answer: (1)

Solution: The word "pique" refers to a feeling of irritation or resentment resulting from a slight or insult. Hence, the correct synonym is **(1) Resentment**.

Quick Tip

Look at the emotional tone conveyed by the word to identify its synonym.

Question 13

Choose the correct antonym for 'taciturn' from the options given below:

- (1) reserved
- (2) vehement
- (3) garrulous
- (4) ungraceful

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The word "taciturn" means reserved or silent. Its antonym is "garrulous," which means excessively talkative. Hence, the correct answer is **(3) garrulous**.

Quick Tip

When identifying antonyms, focus on the tone and intensity of the word in context.

Question 14

Match the blanks in List-I with the verb forms in List-II:

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Verb Forms)
(A)She ___ with her dog every day.	(I)played
(B)She ___ the violin at the concert beautifully.	(II)had been playing
(C)She ___ badminton her whole life.	(III)plays
(D)She ___ video games the whole of yesterday.	(IV)has been playing

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (A) - (II), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (III)
- (2) (A) - (III), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)
- (3) (A) - (III), (B) - (II), (C) - (I), (D) - (IV)
- (4) (A) - (IV), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The correct matches are:

- (A) plays – matches "with her dog every day" (routine).
 - (B) had been playing – past perfect continuous, suitable for the context of a concert.
 - (C) played – suitable for her whole life (past action).
 - (D) has been playing – recent past activity.
- Hence, the correct answer is **(3)**.

Quick Tip

Focus on verb tense consistency with the sentence context to determine the correct form.

Question 15

Match the words in List-I with the meanings in List-II:

List-I (Word)	List-II (Meaning)
(A)Numismatist	(I)One who journeys from place to place
(B)Philatelist	(II)One who collects coins
(C)Itinerant	(III)One who collects stamps
(D)Cacographer	(IV)One who is bad at spellings

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (A) - (II), (B) - (III), (C) - (IV), (D) - (I)
- (2) (A) - (IV), (B) - (I), (C) - (II), (D) - (III)
- (3) (A) - (IV), (B) - (I), (C) - (III), (D) - (II)
- (4) (A) - (II), (B) - (III), (C) - (I), (D) - (IV)

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution: The correct matches are:

- (A) Numismatist – (II) One who collects coins.
- (B) Philatelist – (III) One who collects stamps.
- (C) Itinerant – (I) One who journeys from place to place.
- (D) Cacographist – (IV) One who is bad at spellings.

Hence, the correct answer is **(4)**.

Quick Tip

Use knowledge of roots and prefixes to deduce the meanings of uncommon terms.

Question 16

Complete the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate prepositions given in List-II:

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Prepositions)
(A) I was delighted ___ the present you gave me.	(I) to
(B) The letter I wrote was full ___ mistakes.	(II) in
(C) A strange thing happened ___ me a few days ago.	(III) with
(D) I hope you succeed ___ getting the job you want.	(IV) of

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (A) - (IV), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)
- (2) (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)
- (3) (A) - (I), (B) - (III), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)
- (4) (A) - (III), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The correct matches are:

- (A) delighted with – used when expressing happiness about something.
- (B) full of – common usage to describe something filled with a quantity.
- (C) happened to – used to describe an occurrence or incident.
- (D) succeed in – used to indicate achieving success in a task.

Thus, the correct answer is **(3)**.

Quick Tip

Understand how specific prepositions pair with verbs or expressions in common usage.

Question 17

Identify the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word:

Allegations about the industrialist’s involvement in financial irregularities were spurious.

- (1) false
- (2) unethical
- (3) genuine
- (4) impulsive

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The word "spurious" means false or not genuine. Its opposite is "genuine," which means authentic or real. Hence, the correct answer is **(3) genuine**.

Quick Tip

Focus on finding an exact antonym based on the context provided.

Question 18

Match the idioms in List-I with the meanings in List-II:

List-I (Idioms)	List-II (Meanings)
(A) to sit on the fence	(I) to be in a good position
(B) a sitting duck	(II) to not take any action/remain in a place
(C) sit pretty	(III) delay in making a decision
(D) sit tight	(IV) an easy target for attack or criticism

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (A) - (I), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (IV)
- (2) (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)
- (3) (A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)
- (4) (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: The correct matches are:

- (A) to sit on the fence – (III) delay in making a decision.
- (B) a sitting duck – (IV) an easy target for attack or criticism.
- (C) sit pretty – (I) to be in a good position.
- (D) sit tight – (II) to not take any action/remain in a place.

Hence, the correct answer is **(2)**.

Quick Tip

Understand the figurative meaning of idioms and match them with their correct definitions.

Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.

The Green Blazer stood out prominently under the bright sun and blue sky. In all that jostling crowd one could not help noticing it. Villagers in shirts and turbans, townsmen in coats and caps, beggars bare-bodied and women in multi-coloured saris were thronging the narrow passage between the stalls and moving in great confused masses, but still the Green Blazer could not be missed. The jabber and babble of the marketplace was there, as people harangued, disputed prices, haggled, or greeted each other; over it all boomed the voice of a Bible-preacher, and when he paused for breath, from another corner the loudspeaker of a health van amplified on malaria and tuberculosis. Over and above it all the Green Blazer seemed to cry out an invitation. Raju could not ignore it. It was not in his nature to ignore such a persistent invitation. He kept himself half-alooof from the crowd; he could not afford to remain completely alooof nor keep himself in it too conspicuously. Wherever he might be, he was harrowed by the fear of being spotted by a policeman; today he wore a loin-cloth and was bare-bodied, and had wound an enormous turban over his head, which over-shadowed his face completely and he hoped that he would be taken for a peasant from a village.

He sat on a stack of cast-off banana stalks beside a shop awning and watched the crowd. When he watched a crowd, he did it with concentration. It was his professional occupation. Constitutionally he was an idler and had just the amount of energy to watch in a crowd and put his hand into another person's pocket. It was a gamble, of course. Sometimes he got nothing out of a venture, counting himself lucky if he came out with his fingers intact.

Question 19**Why did the Green Blazer draw Raju's attention?**

- (1) It was his favourite colour.
- (2) It screamed to be followed.
- (3) It merged well with the crowd.
- (4) It was too conspicuous in that crowd.

Correct Answer: (4)**Solution:**

The Green Blazer caught Raju's attention because it was too conspicuous in the crowd. The passage explicitly states that despite the bustling marketplace, the Green Blazer was prominent and stood out.

 Quick Tip

Tip: Focus on descriptive keywords in the passage to identify the reason for attention or emphasis.

Question 20

Identify the activities going on in the bazaar:

- (A) People walking gently giving space to others.
- (B) People bargaining, greeting each other, pushing.
- (C) Bare stalls, people dressed in dull colours.
- (D) Loud sounds of preachers mixed with loudspeakers blaring.

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (A), (B), and (D) only
- (2) (A), (B), and (C) only
- (3) (B) and (D) only
- (4) (B), (C), and (D) only

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution:

From the passage, we understand that the bazaar was noisy, chaotic, and crowded. There were loud sounds of preachers with loudspeakers (D), people bargaining and pushing (B), and bare stalls with dull-dressed people (C).

 Quick Tip

Tip: Eliminate options that contradict the scenario described in the passage to arrive at the correct answer.

Question 21

Raju is afraid of being spotted by the policemen because:

- (1) he didn't want to be out at the beginning of the game.
- (2) he was not fond of policemen.
- (3) he wanted to win this game.
- (4) he didn't want to be caught before the kill.

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution: Raju is a pickpocket and operates in crowded places. He is wary of being

caught by policemen before successfully stealing. The phrase "didn't want to be caught before the kill" indicates his fear. Hence, the correct answer is (4).

 Quick Tip

Pay attention to phrases that highlight fear or caution to understand the character's motivation.

Question 22

What do you think is Raju's profession?

- (1) an idler
- (2) a pickpocket
- (3) a gambler
- (4) an artist

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: Raju observes crowds to pick pockets and mentions putting his hand into someone's pocket as a gamble. This clearly indicates that his profession is (2) a pick-pocket.

 Quick Tip

Look for specific actions or habits described in the passage to infer professions or roles.

Question 23

Match the words given in List-I with their meaning given in List-II:

List-I (Words)	List-II (Meanings)
A. Harangued	I. an undertaking
B. Amplified	II. long aggressive speech
C. Conspicuous	III. noticeable
D. Venture	IV. to increase the intensity

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:


- (1) (A) - (II), (B) - (IV), (C) - (III), (D) - (I)
- (2) (A) - (I), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (IV)
- (3) (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)
- (4) (A) - (IV), (B) - (II), (C) - (III), (D) - (I)

Correct Answer: (1)

Solution: The correct match is:

- (A) Harangued – (II) long aggressive speech

- (B) Amplified – (IV) to increase the intensity
 - (C) Conspicuous – (III) noticeable
 - (D) Venture – (I) an undertaking
- Thus, the correct answer is **(1)**.

 **Quick Tip**

For matching questions, eliminate options by identifying the most obvious and direct meanings first.

Question 24

Match the phrasal verbs given in List-I with the meaning as used in the passage given in List-II:

List-I (Phrasal Verbs)	List-II (Meanings)
A.stood out	I.in place of
B.taken for	II.no longer wanted
C.cast off	III.demand
D.cry out	IV.noticeable

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (III), (D) - (IV)
- (2) (A) - (IV), (B) - (I), (C) - (II), (D) - (III)
- (3) (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)
- (4) (A) - (II), (B) - (III), (C) - (I), (D) - (IV)

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: The correct match is:

- (A) stood out – (IV) noticeable
- (B) taken for – (I) in place of
- (C) cast off – (II) no longer wanted
- (D) cry out – (III) demand

Thus, the correct answer is **(2)**.

Quick Tip

For phrasal verbs, focus on their context in the passage to find the most relevant meaning in the list.

Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.

As the weather changes, everyone is prone to colds and coughs. While we have all heard about the benefits of vitamin C for colds, few of us are aware of a secret solution – Zinc! Zinc is helpful as it can reduce the severity and duration of respiratory tract infections. It soothes sore throats with its anti-inflammatory properties. It plays a pivotal role in supporting various functions of the body like the immune system, wound healing, and maintaining overall health. It prevents viruses from growing in the body. Zinc is also known to boost the immune system and fight infections.

Notably, zinc is a vital mineral found in a variety of plant and animal foods. When consuming zinc-rich foods during a cough and cold, prioritize moderation and diversity in your diet. Include lean meats, poultry, seafood, dairy, nuts, and seeds. Combine zinc-rich foods with vitamin C sources for enhanced immune support.

Phytates, a substance found in unprocessed whole grains, hinder the absorption of zinc, thereby making it less available for the body to utilize. Hence, vegetarians should follow some cooking techniques such as soaking them for 5-6 hours to reduce the phytate content and increase the bioavailability of zinc. Organic acids in fermented foods aid in higher absorption, so always include foods in your diet like buttermilk and yogurt along with some zinc-rich vegetarian sources.

It is important to remember that a higher dosage of zinc supplements inhibits the absorption of other minerals. Therefore, it is always good to check with healthcare professionals while taking supplements. Stay hydrated, choose cooking methods that preserve zinc, and be aware of factors like phytates affecting absorption.

Question 25

What does the word ‘solution’ signify in ‘a secret solution’?

- (1) Remedy
- (2) Drink
- (3) Function
- (4) Food

Correct Answer: (1)

Solution: In the passage, the phrase ”a secret solution” refers to zinc as a remedy for colds and coughs due to its ability to reduce symptoms and support the immune system. Hence, the correct answer is **(1) Remedy**.

Quick Tip
Identify the context of the phrase used in the passage to understand its meaning better.

Question 26

In the passage, which of the following is *not* a benefit connected to consuming zinc?

- (1) Strengthens immune system
- (2) Anti-viral properties
- (3) Anti-inflammatory agent
- (4) Supports hair growth

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution: The passage highlights zinc's role in boosting immunity, anti-viral properties, and its anti-inflammatory effects. However, it does not mention any role of zinc in supporting hair growth. Hence, the correct answer is **(4) Supports hair growth**.

Quick Tip

Eliminate options that are explicitly mentioned in the passage to identify the one that is not.

Question 27

Choose the word that means the opposite of 'pivotal':

- (1) Central
- (2) Important
- (3) Life-changing
- (4) Unimportant

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution: The word "pivotal" means essential or critical. Its opposite, as provided in the options, is "unimportant." Hence, the correct answer is **(4) Unimportant**.

Quick Tip

Focus on identifying the antonym by recalling the exact meaning of the word.

Question 28

According to the passage, combining zinc-rich foods with vitamin C will result in:

- (1) reduced immunity.
- (2) increased immunity.
- (3) food allergy.

(4) a sore throat.

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: The passage mentions that combining zinc-rich foods with vitamin C sources enhances immune support, leading to increased immunity. Hence, the correct answer is **(2) Increased immunity.**

Quick Tip

Pay attention to specific benefits mentioned for combinations of nutrients in the passage.

Question 29

The passage encourages us to consume zinc in the form of:

- (1) zinc solution.
- (2) unprocessed food grains.
- (3) a variety of plant and animal foods.
- (4) non-vegetarian sources only.

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The passage emphasizes the inclusion of zinc from a variety of plant and animal foods, such as lean meats, poultry, seafood, nuts, seeds, and dairy. Hence, the correct answer is **(3) a variety of plant and animal foods.**

Quick Tip

When answering questions about food sources, pay attention to lists mentioned in the passage for variety and balance.

Question 30

The passage reminds us to ‘stay hydrated,’ which means that:

- (1) we should have plenty of water.
- (2) we should stay indoors.
- (3) we should have fermented foods like yogurt.
- (4) we should have zinc-rich foods with vitamin C.

Correct Answer: (1)

Solution: The phrase “stay hydrated” in the passage implies the need for sufficient water intake, which is essential for maintaining overall health, especially when consuming zinc-rich foods or fighting colds. Hence, the correct answer is **(1) we should have plenty of water.**

Quick Tip

Always interpret idiomatic phrases like "stay hydrated" in their general context unless otherwise defined in the passage.

Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.
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Pollinators, such as bees, butterflies, birds, and bats, are essential for the ecosystem, health, and human food security. They facilitate plant reproduction by transferring pollen between flowers, enabling the production of seeds and fruits crucial for plant biodiversity and ecosystem stability.

This mutualistic relationship supports global food production, with approximately 75% of the world's food crops relying on pollinators. Despite their importance, pollinators face significant threats. Habitat loss due to urbanization, agriculture, and deforestation reduces nesting sites and floral resources. Pesticide exposure, especially insecticides, and climate change further endanger pollinator populations by poisoning them and disrupting their behavior and reproductive patterns.

To safeguard pollinators and ecosystems, concerted action is necessary. This includes protecting and restoring pollinator habitats, adopting pollinator-friendly agricultural practices, reducing pesticide use, and raising public awareness about the crucial role of pollinators.

By addressing these challenges, we can ensure the sustainability of ecosystems, biodiversity, and food production systems, securing a healthier future for both nature and humanity.

Question 31

Pollinators help in plant reproduction by:

- (1) transferring pollen between flowers
- (2) securing human food
- (3) fighting climate change
- (4) providing food resources to various organisms

Correct Answer: (1)

Solution: The passage clearly states that pollinators facilitate plant reproduction by transferring pollen between flowers, enabling seed and fruit production. Hence, the correct answer is **(1) transferring pollen between flowers**.

Quick Tip

Focus on the primary function or role of pollinators as described in the passage to answer questions like this.

Question 32

The ‘mutualistic relationship’ talked about in the passage is between:

- (1) humans and pollinators
- (2) animals and pollinators
- (3) ecosystems and pollinators
- (4) pollinators and plants

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution: The passage explains the mutualistic relationship between pollinators and plants, as pollinators assist in reproduction while plants provide habitat and food resources. Hence, the correct answer is **(4) pollinators and plants**.

Quick Tip

When identifying relationships, consider how both parties benefit from the interaction as described in the passage.

Question 33

Choose the most appropriate option. Which of the following is *not* a reason for habitat loss faced by pollinators?

- (1) Urbanization
- (2) Climate change
- (3) Pollination
- (4) Pesticide exposure

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The passage mentions urbanization, climate change, and pesticide exposure as threats to pollinators, but pollination itself is not a cause of habitat loss. Hence, the correct answer is **(3) Pollination**.

Quick Tip

For "not" questions, eliminate the options that are explicitly mentioned in the passage as causes or issues.

Question 34

Climate change endangers pollinator population by:

- (1) enabling the production of seeds and fruits

- (2) disrupting their behaviour and reproductive patterns
- (3) contributing to the abundance of flowering plants
- (4) poisoning them

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: The passage mentions that climate change disrupts the behavior and reproductive patterns of pollinators, posing a threat to their survival. Hence, the correct answer is **(2) disrupting their behaviour and reproductive patterns.**

Quick Tip

Focus on the direct consequences of climate change mentioned in the passage to pinpoint the correct answer.

Question 35

Which of the following is *not* required to safeguard pollinators and ecosystems?

- (1) Protecting and restoring their habitats
- (2) Adopting pollinator-friendly agricultural practices
- (3) Using technology to transfer pollen between flowers
- (4) Reducing pesticide use

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The passage emphasizes protecting habitats, adopting pollinator-friendly practices, and reducing pesticide use. However, it does not mention using technology to transfer pollen between flowers. Hence, the correct answer is **(3) Using technology to transfer pollen between flowers.**

Quick Tip

For "not" questions, focus on eliminating options that are explicitly mentioned in the passage as requirements.

Question 36

Choose a word from the options given below to replace the underlined word.

Deforestation reduces nesting sites.

- (1) building
- (2) sheltering
- (3) reproducing
- (4) protecting

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: The word "nesting" in the context of the passage refers to "sheltering," as pollinators rely on specific habitats for shelter and reproduction. Hence, the correct answer is (2) **sheltering**.

Quick Tip

Look for synonyms or closely related meanings in the context to replace the underlined word.

Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.

The dictionary defines 'ego' as "your idea or opinion of yourself, especially your feelings of your self-importance and ability." In itself, nothing sounds problematic. In fact, this ability to know oneself is amazing and advantageous—a reality check that is vital for our own contentment as well as for our relationships with others.

Then, only an ignorant person or a liar would claim to have no ego, for we all have one. It is a part of our psychological structure. The problem occurs when we allow this sense of self to start ballooning into being an egotist — then it not only becomes a leadership deraileur but also creates havoc in the personal and professional lives of those who have to work with such people. The more senior the leaders are, the more they are at the risk of stepping into the black hole area. The reason is that given our cultural deference (often fear) to hierarchy, employees further down the corporate ladder think it unsafe to tell their leaders what they need to be told—and prefer rather to tell them what they like to hear.

Leaders who take accountability for their success as well as their team and organization's have to learn to manage their ego well —a skill that can help them multiply their impact manifold.

This has to be done with special focus on areas where the leader is not competent enough and for specific situations that fuel the dark side of their ego and bring out the worst in them. The former calls for building a regular practice of seeking feedback—and not the ceremonial annual theatre most leaders do. The latter, on the other hand, calls for analysing our own interactions from an outside-in view to catch the emotional weak points—flashes of temper, impatience, feelings of having outsmarted someone, etc., and setting goals to reduce those. Both these areas often call for professional help, blinded as we often are with our "walls of denial."

Question 37

According to the passage, ego means:

- (1) our view of the cognitive world.
- (2) an inflated view of ourselves.

- (3) our view of others.
- (4) a balanced view of oneself.

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: The passage describes ego as one's idea of self-importance and feelings of ability, particularly when it balloons into an inflated sense of self. Hence, the correct answer is **(2) an inflated view of ourselves.**

Quick Tip

Focus on how the term "ego" is used in different contexts to derive its specific meaning.

Question 38

'Knowing oneself' is important because:

- (1) it leads to stress.
- (2) it is a liability.
- (3) it is an asset.
- (4) it leads one to the black hole area.

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The passage highlights the importance of knowing oneself as a reality check for contentment and better relationships. This makes it an asset rather than a liability. Hence, the correct answer is **(3) it is an asset.**

Quick Tip

For such questions, identify the key benefit of the concept as discussed in the passage.

Question 39

'To start ballooning' means:

- (1) to deflate.
- (2) to inflate.
- (3) to lose importance.
- (4) to create havoc.

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: The phrase "start ballooning" refers to the ego inflating or growing excessively, as mentioned in the passage. Hence, the correct answer is **(2) to inflate.**

Quick Tip

Interpret figurative language in the context of the surrounding text for precise meanings.

Question 40

People with ‘inflated’ ego are:

- (1) popular
- (2) disliked
- (3) servile
- (4) naive

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: The passage suggests that an inflated ego creates havoc in relationships and makes such individuals difficult to work with, leading to them being disliked. Hence, the correct answer is (2) **disliked**.

Quick Tip

Focus on the negative effects of inflated ego as described in the passage to deduce the correct answer.

Question 41

The passage does not refer to:

- (1) All human beings have an ego.
- (2) Inflated ego can prove detrimental.
- (3) Inflated ego can be counter-productive.
- (4) Inflated ego has a win-win outcome.

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution: The passage discusses the detrimental and counter-productive aspects of inflated ego but does not suggest that it leads to a win-win outcome. Hence, the correct answer is (4) **Inflated ego has a win-win outcome**.

Quick Tip

Eliminate options that are clearly mentioned in the passage to identify what is not referred to.

Question 42

Seeking frequent feedback leads to:

- (1) success as a leader.
- (2) havoc at the work front.
- (3) derailment.
- (4) reduced leader's clout.

Correct Answer: (1)

Solution: The passage highlights that seeking frequent feedback helps leaders improve their performance and manage their ego effectively, leading to success as a leader. Hence, the correct answer is **(1) success as a leader**.

Quick Tip

For leadership-related questions, focus on practices that contribute to self-improvement and better outcomes.

Question 43

Rearrange the parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) to obesity have a lower risk of heart disease
- (B) people with a high BMI and a genetic predisposition
- (C) related to environmental and lifestyle factors alone
- (D) compared to people whose extra weight is

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (A), (B), (C), (D)
- (2) (A), (C), (B), (D)
- (3) (B), (A), (D), (C)
- (4) (C), (B), (D), (A)

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The correct sequence is:

- (B) people with a high BMI and a genetic predisposition
- (A) to obesity have a lower risk of heart disease
- (D) compared to people whose extra weight is
- (C) related to environmental and lifestyle factors alone.

Hence, the correct answer is **(3)**.

Quick Tip

When rearranging, identify the subject first and organize the sentence logically around it.

Question 44

Rearrange the parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) frozen, canned and dried fruits can be
- (B) despite the enduring belief that
- (C) just as nutritious as their fresh counterparts
- (D) 'fresh is best', research has found that

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (A), (B), (C), (D)
- (2) (A), (C), (D), (B)
- (3) (D), (B), (A), (C)
- (4) (C), (A), (B), (D)

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The correct sequence is:

- (D) 'fresh is best', research has found that
- (B) despite the enduring belief that
- (A) frozen, canned and dried fruits can be
- (C) just as nutritious as their fresh counterparts.

Hence, the correct answer is **(3)**.

Quick Tip
Identify the introductory statement first, followed by supporting and concluding parts.

Question 45

Choose the correct expression to complete the sentence:

How ___ your name?

- (1) is it pronounced
- (2) you pronounce
- (3) do you pronounce
- (4) to pronounce

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The correct grammatical expression is "How do you pronounce your name?" as it is a question that follows the subject-verb-object structure. Hence, the correct answer is **(3) do you pronounce**.

Quick Tip

Ensure the sentence has proper subject-verb agreement and structure for grammatically correct questions.

Question 46

Choose the most appropriate verb to fill in the blank:

Abhijat's spirits ___ when he learnt that he had won the first prize in the Poetry Recitation Competition.

- (1) plunged
- (2) soared
- (3) zipped
- (4) tore

Correct Answer: (2)

Solution: Winning the first prize would elevate Abhijat's spirits. "Soared" is the most appropriate verb to indicate a rise in spirits. Hence, the correct answer is **(2) soared**.

Quick Tip

Select a verb that aligns with the positive context of the situation described in the sentence.

Question 47

Choose the correct synonym of the word 'effrontery':

- (1) audacity
- (2) civility
- (3) impetuosity
- (4) affluence

Correct Answer: (1)

Solution: The word "effrontery" means shameless boldness or audacity. Hence, the correct synonym is **(1) audacity**.

Quick Tip

To find synonyms, understand the tone and usage of the word in context.

Question 48

Choose the correct antonym of the underlined word:

She is an astute observer of human behaviour.

- (1) sharp
- (2) brilliant
- (3) ingenuous
- (4) prudent

Correct Answer: (3)

Solution: The word "astute" means having keen insight or being shrewd. Its antonym is "ingenuous," which means naive or innocent. Hence, the correct answer is **(3) ingenuous**.

Quick Tip

When looking for antonyms, identify the word's core meaning and choose an opposite term.

Question 49

Rearrange the following parts of a sentence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) can be seen as an extension of citizenship, starting with
- (B) the Factory Acts of the 1840s which protected
- (C) the growing importance of social rights for children
- (D) children from unrestricted exploitation at work

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (1) (C), (A), (B), (D)
- (2) (B), (C), (A), (D)
- (3) (D), (A), (B), (C)
- (4) (C), (B), (D), (A)

Correct Answer: (4)

Solution: The correct sequence is:

- (C) the growing importance of social rights for children
 - (B) the Factory Acts of the 1840s which protected
 - (D) children from unrestricted exploitation at work
 - (A) can be seen as an extension of citizenship, starting with.
- Hence, the correct answer is **(4)**.

Quick Tip

Identify the primary subject first, then arrange the supporting parts logically.

Question 50

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the options given below:

To give a book a ___ reading is to skim it quickly without comprehending much.

- (1) cursory
- (2) cryptic
- (3) morose
- (4) munificent

Correct Answer: (1)

Solution: The word "cursory" means quick and superficial, which matches the context of skimming a book without full comprehension. Hence, the correct answer is **(1) cursory**.

Quick Tip
Focus on context clues in the sentence to identify the appropriate word.
