

Reading Comprehension

Q. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions given against each questions.

LEISURE.

What is this life if, full of care;

We have no time to stand and stare ?

No time to stand beneath the boughs,

And stare as long as sheep or cows

No time to see, when woods we pass,

Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

Not time to see, in broad day light

Streams full of stars, like skies at night

No time to turn at Beauty's glance

And watch her feet how they dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can

Enrich that smile, her eyes began.

A poor life this, if full of care.

We have no time to stand and stare.

- Q.1. The synonym of boughs : (1)
- (a) main branch of a tree (b) central part of a building
- (c) central cooling system (d) main part of the flower
- Q.2. Squirrels hide their nuts in : (1)
- (a) trees (b) grass (c) house (d) piggy bank
- Q.3. Give the rhyming word for glance : (1)
- (a) stare (b) dance (c) care (d) grass
- Q.4. The other name of 'milky way' is : (1)
- (a) high tide waves (b) lunar eclipse
- (c) stream full of stars (d) solar eclipse
- Q.5. The poem is included in the syllabus : (1)
- (a) for leisure (b) for pleasure (c) for pressure (d) none of the above
- Q.6. Choose the correct option : (1)
- Life is full of
- (a) Happiness (b) Sorrow (c) Care (d) Tears

Q. Read the passage and answer the following questions :
It is the common knowledge today that the earth is a planet revolving

round the sun. But there was a time, many centuries ago when learned man believed that the earth was fixed in space and that the sun and all the other heavenly bodies went round it. The man who first brought to light the true fact was a great scientist and astronomer called Galileo Galilei. It was Galileo who affirmed that the earth ~~revolved~~ *revolved* round the sun. The church convicted him of disbelief. He was ordered to go on his knees and declare that he was wrong. He did obey the orders to escape torture but he did not give up his belief. The world now honours him as the father of Modern Astronomy.

Answer the questions :

- Q.7. What is the common knowledge to day ? [1]
 Q.8. What did learned men think during the ancient period ? [3]
 Q.9. Who first brought to light the fact that the earth was not fixed ? [1]
 Q.10. What did Galileo affirm ? [1]
 Q.11. For what was Galileo convicted ? [1]
 Q.12. What was he ordered to do ? [1]
 Q.13. How do we honour Galileo today ? [1]

Q. Read the passage carefully and follow the instructions given below :

A poor woman once came to Buddha to ask him whether he could give her any medium to restore her dead child to life. The holy man, touched by great sorrow of the woman, told her that there was one medicine that could revive her son. He bade her to bring him a handful of mustard seeds from a house where death had never entered. The borrowing mother went from door to door seeking mustard seeds, but at every door she met with sad replies. One said, "I have lost my husband". Another said, "My youngest child died last year". She returned with a heavy heart to Buddha and told him all about it. Then Buddha told her gently that she must not think much of her own grief, Since sorrows and death are common to all.

- Q.14. (a) Make note on the passage using recognisable abbreviation. (Shortened key words). [2]
 (b) Give a title to the passage. [1]
 (c) Prepare a summary of the passage. [2]

Grammar & Writing

- Q.15. You are the cultural secretary of your school. Write a notice on your school notice board inviting names of the students interested to go on a cultural trip for the festival of 'Laika Madai 2019', at Raipur (C.G.) in (50 words)

Or

[4]

You want to rent your house. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words with necessary details for the local newspaper.

Or

Design a poster conveying the message of celebrating Diwali without crackers.

[Hints : No explosions, smokes, pollution (noise & air), some child labour/Wealth of health/happy planet]

Q.16. Write an application to your principal for school leaving certificate.

Or

[6]

Write a Get well letter to your younger brother who is admitted to the hospital due to bike accident. And also advise him to use helmet and avoid reckless driving.

Q.17. Write an article on any one of the given topics. [10]

1. My hobby Gardening.
2. Science - a boon or curse.
3. Tree plantation in your school.
4. Say - 'No to polythene bags'

Q.18. He is leaning _____ the wall. [use correct preposition] [1]

Q.19. Unless you invite me. <http://www.cgboardonline.com> [1]

I will not attend the party.

[use 'if' instead of 'unless' and rewrite]

Q.20. There / news / is / any ?

[Rearrange the words to form a meaningful sentence] [1]

Q.21. _____ Earth moves round the sun. [use the appropriate article] [1]

Q.22. (a) The police reached the village. [1]

(b) The dacoits had gone.

[combine the pair of sentences using the word 'after' to make a complex sentence]

Q.23. The girl which is wearing a red sash is my cousin. [1]

[Find error and correct the sentence]

Q.24. It is admitted by all. [make a negative sentence] [1]

Q.25. I am writing a letter. [change the voice] [1]

Q.26. He said, "Honesty is the best policy". [change the narration] [1]

Q.27. Children like playing cricket. _____ ?

[Add appropriate question tag] [1]

Paragraph writing

Q. When I went up to University, I was given a room of my own. The

common link of friendship was snapped. My grandmother accepted her seclusion with resignation. She rarely left her spinning wheel to talk to anyone. From sunrise to sunset she sat by her wheel spinning and reciting prayers. Only in the afternoon she relaxed for a while to feed the sparrows. While she sat in the verandah breaking the bread into little bits, hundreds of little birds collected round her creating a veritable bedlam of chirrupings, some came and perched on her legs, others on her shoulders, some even sat on her head. She smiled but never shooed them away. It used to be the happiest half hour of the day for her.

When I decided to go abroad for further studies, I was sure my grandmother would be upset. I would be away for five years, and at her age one could never tell, but my grandmother could. She was not even sentimental. She came to leave me at the railway station but did not talk or show any emotion. Her lips moved in prayer, her mind was lost in prayer. Her fingers were busy telling the beads of her rosary. Silently she kissed my forehead, and when I left I cherished the moist imprint as perhaps the last sign of physical contact between us. But that was not so, after five years I came back home and was met by her at the station. She did not look a day older. She still had no time for words and while she clasped me in her arms I could hear her reciting her prayers. Even on the first day of my arrival, her happiest moments were with her sparrows who, she fed longer and with frivolous rebukes.

Read the above given passage & answer the question below :

- Q.28. Why did the writer go abroad? [1]
- Q.29. What was the favorite past time of grand mother? [1]
- Q.30. (a) What was the happiest hour of the grand mother? [6]
 (b) Who is the author of the above passage?
 (c) Make a sentence of your own words using the word 'chirrupings'?
- Q.31. What evidence proves that "Tuts' body was cremated in March or April? [3]
- Q.32. What do you gather about Taplow after reading the play? [3]
- Q.33. What happened to prut Gaitonde after the accident? [6]
- Q.34. Who is Mrs. Dorling? Is her behaviour justified? [1]
- Q.35. What opinion do you form about Ranga after reading the story Ranga's marriage? [3]
- Q.36. Explain the title 'The Ghat of the only world'. [6]