

ENGLISH

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions which follow:

There is nothing like walking to give you an experience of a country. A fine landscape is like a piece of music... it must be enjoyed at the right speed. Walking at a slow pace on one of the trails in Namibia allows you to learn about the desert animals, trees and plants that exist together in this unique environment. Apart from giving you a real view of the landscape, walking is the best way to relax your mind. Who wants to see such a beautiful landscape by car? Walking is the best way to travel, with your feet firmly on the ground.

01. How is walking in a fine landscape compared to a piece of music?
- A. It is enjoyed when the speed is right. B. It allows one to enjoy nature.
C. It is enjoyed when the speed is fast. D. It allows one to compose music.
02. Apart from learning about your surroundings, what other advantage does walking have?
- A. It relaxes your mind. B. It relaxes the body and mind.
C. It is good for the body. D. It is good for the feet.

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions which follow:

The greatest threat to life on Earth today comes from global warming. This happens when greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, water vapour, nitrous oxide, methane) trap heat and light from the Sun in the Earth's atmosphere, which increases the overall temperature on Earth. This impacts people, animals, and plants. Many, who cannot take the change, die. Global warming is affecting many parts of the world, particularly sea coasts. People living on islands and in coastal areas are therefore at risk as the polar ice caps and sea levels rise.

03. According to the passage, select the statement that is false.
- A. Life on Earth is threatened only by global warming.
B. Global warming threatens human beings who live on islands.
C. When the overall temperature on Earth rises the sea level will also increase.
D. Creatures which cannot adapt to higher temperatures will become extinct.
04. 'Many cannot take the change'. Here "change" refers to change in _____ .
- A. lifestyle B. temperature C. food habits D. health issues

Choose the correct option that could replace the underlined word:

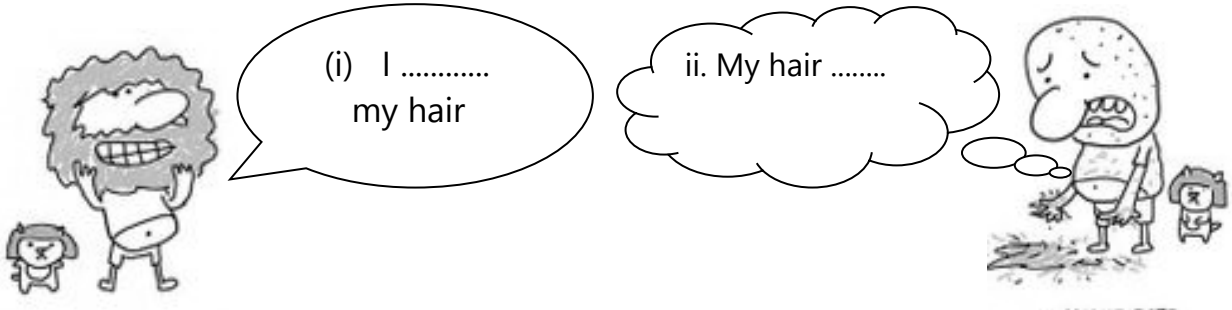
05. Everyone at home consoled Raghu and asked him to forget the bitter experience, but he could not overcome the feeling of melancholy.
- A. sorrow B. pensive C. gloomy D. sad
06. Choose the odd pair:
- A. annoy - irritate B. reserve - supply
C. comprehend - understand D. spectator - onlooker
07. Meera is not as as her cousin.
- A. cleverest B. cleverly C. clever D. cleverer

Choose the appropriate prefix to complete the sentence:

08. The transmission of the President's speech remained ____interrupted.

- A. mis- B. dis- C. un- D. non-

09. Look at the images and choose the correct option to fill in the blanks:



- A. (i) died and (ii) dyed B. (i) dyied and (ii) died
C. (i) dyed and (ii) died D. (i) died and (ii) died

Choose the option that represents the sentence below without any change in meaning:

10. Odissi is one of the oldest forms of dance in India.

- A. No other dance form in India is as old as Odissi.
B. None of the dance forms in India are as old as Odissi.
C. Neither of the dance forms in India is as old as Odissi.
D. Very few forms of dance in India are as old as Odissi.

11. In which word is the letter 'b' silent?

- A. combine B. combat C. plumber D. public

12. Radha knows for sure that becoming a monitor often means to lose friends.

- A. knows for B. often means
C. becoming a monitor D. to lose friends

13. The text book is too long for me to read it.

- A. is B. long C. to read D. it

14. The discussion was by no means It went on for more than four hours.

- A. cut and dried B. cut and shredded
C. chopped and dried D. dried and cut

15. My plane was delayed, I was stuck at the airport.

- A. moreover B. however C. when D. so

16. Space-produced photographs showed that air pollutionfrom the Industrial Belts in the middle latitudes.

- A. is being exported B. exported C. has been exported D. is exporting

Choose the option that represents the sentence below without any change in meaning:

17. My classmate gave this book to me.
A. My classmate was given this book to me.
B. This book was given to me by my classmate
C. This book was given my classmate to me
D. This book was given to my classmate by me.

Look at the IMAGE given below and answer the question:



18. In the conversation, 'turn that down' means

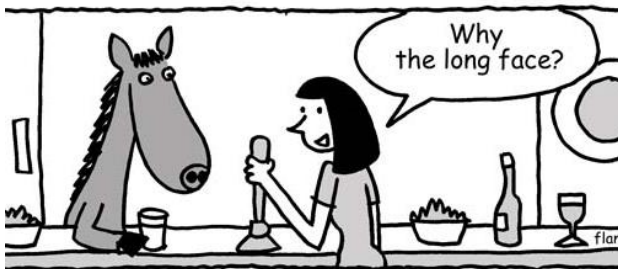
- A. reduce the volume
B. reduce the price
C. reject the offer
D. accept the proposal

19. Look at the IMAGE and choose the correct idiomatic expression that suits the image:

- A. Let the cat out of the bag.
B. Let the cat jump out of the bag.
C. Let the cat announce the secret.
D. Let the cat and let the secret.



20. Look at the IMAGE and the question in it. The expression 'long face' means



- A. unhappy and disappointed expression.
B. happy expression.
C. satisfied expression.
D. contented expression.

21 Choose the option which combines the given sentences correctly:

Satish walked away from the playground. Satish waved goodbye to his team.

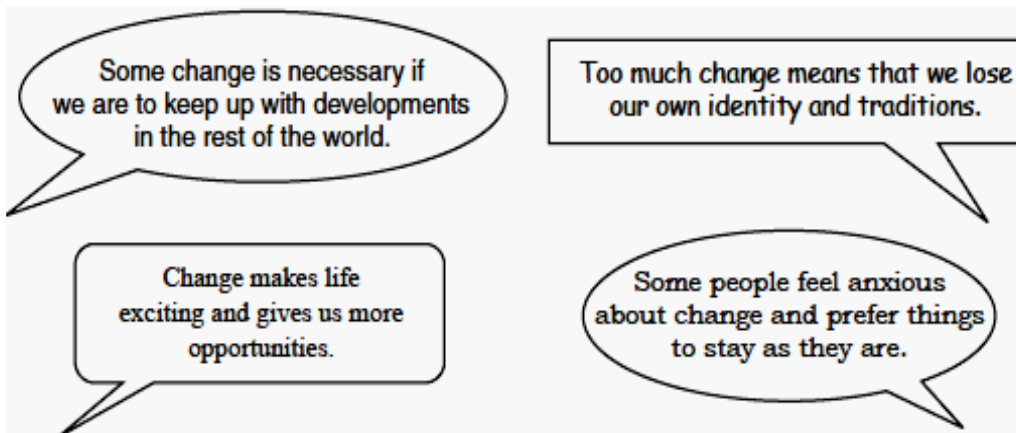
- A. Satish walked away from the playground, for he waved goodbye to his team.
B. Satish walked away from the playground, waving goodbye to his team.
C. Satish walked away from the playground, since he waved goodbye to his team.
D. Satish walked away from the playground, to wave goodbye to his team.

22. I always thought he was a good leader but you have **put a spoke in his wheel**. What does the underlined expression mean?

- A. have not encouraged
B. have acted without restraint
C. have risked something
D. have obstructed the progress

This question tests your CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS and carries 5 marks.

Your school magazine is inviting students to write an article about change in your country. Here are some comments from your friends on this subject:



Write an article for your school magazine giving your views about the issue.

Your article should be between 150 and 200 words long.

The comments above may give you some ideas, but you are free to use any ideas of your own.