

# TERM-1

## SAMPLE PAPER

### SOLVED

# ENGLISH

## LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Time Allowed: 90 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 40

**General Instructions:** Same instructions as given in the Sample Paper 1.

### READING

#### I. Read the passage given below.

1. During our growing up years we, as children, were taught-both at home and school-to worship the photos and idols of the gods of our respective religions. When we grow a little older, we were told to read holy books like The Bhagwad Gita, The Bible and The Quran; we were told that there are a lot of life lessons to be learnt from these holy books. We were then introduced to stories from our mythologies which taught us about ethics and morality - what is good and what is bad. I also learnt to be respectful towards my parents who made my life comfortable with their hard work and love and care, and my teachers who guided me to become a good student and a responsible citizen.
2. Much later in life, I realised that though we learn much from our respective holy books there is a lot to learn from our surroundings. This realisation dawned upon me when I learnt to enquire and explore. Everything around us - the sun, the moon, the stars, rain, rivers, stones, rocks, birds, plants and animals - teach us many valuable life lessons.
3. No wonder that besides the scriptures in many cultures nature is also worshipped. The message that we get is to save our environment and maintain ecological balance. People are taught to live in harmony with nature and recognise that there is God in all aspects of nature.

4. Nature is a great teacher. A river never stops flowing. If it finds an obstacle in its way in the form of a heavy rock, the river water fights to remove it from its path or finds an alternative path to move ahead. It teaches us to be progressive in life, and keep the fighting spirit alive.

5. However, it is never too late to learn. If we learn to respect nature, the quality of our life will improve.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY EIGHT out of the ten questions by choosing the correct option.**

1. According to the passage, identify the vital thing to be learnt from holy books.
  - (a) hacks
  - (b) mythologies
  - (c) life lessons
  - (d) history
2. The reason for animals being worshipped is ?
  - (a) Because they are venomous
  - (b) Because they maintain the ecological balance and saw our environment
  - (c) Because of their appearance
  - (d) Because they are scary
3. Select the option that suitably completes the dialogue with reference to paragraph 4.
 

Ranjeet: I think we all must learn something from nature. It is a source of joy for all of us.

Megha: Definitely. It also teaches us to .....

- (a) be progressive in life and find other ways to overcome the problems.
  - (b) provide calm and abundance to the people around us
  - (c) be a source of joy for others
  - (d) be kind and humble toward the other people as well
4. What besides the scriptures in many cultures, is also worshipped?
- (a) things                      (b) nature
  - (c) food                      (d) human
5. .... from the following corresponds to 'overcome'.
- (a) Enquire                      (b) ethics
  - (c) norms                      (d) Conquer
6. Which statement from the following is NOT TRUE according to the passage?
- (a) Whatever we worship is our helper and makes our lives easy for us
  - (b) If We learn to respect nature, the quality of our life will improve.
  - (c) We know that nature is angry with us.
  - (d) Everything around us teach many valuable life lessons.
7. Who make our life comfortable with their hard work and love and care?
- (a) parents                      (b) Teachers
  - (c) Friends                      (d) lessons
8. The narrator realised that there is a lot to learn from our :
- (a) mentors                      (b) friends
  - (c) surroundings                      (d) hardships
9. Choose the option that correctly states the meaning of 'alternative', as used in the passage.
- (a) lessons
  - (b) ethics and morals
  - (c) available possibilities
  - (d) a different surroundings
10. Choose the option that lists the quote best expressing the central idea of the passage.
- (a) Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we can ever learn from books. —John Lubbock
  - (b) "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" —Percy Shelley
  - (c) "The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy." —Henry Ward Beecher
  - (d) "Look at a tree, a flower, a plant. Let your awareness rest upon it. How still they are, how deeply rooted in Being."

## II. Read the passage given below:

1. Wetlands are a unique ecosystem flooded with water - permanently or seasonally - and serve as seasonal habitats for history birds. Apart from biologic support, they also perform water purifications functions, store nutrients anti stabilise shorelines. Most prominently, wetlands enable groundwater recharge and typically have the most diverse biological ecosystems, supporting a wide variety of plants, animals, fish, anti- various species of birds, especially local weterfowls. They also provide livelihood options for those engaged in fisheries. Wetlands also face the most prominent environmental degradation. The largest wetland in the world is the Amazon river basin.
2. India has a wealth of wetland ecosystems that support diverse anti-unique habitats. These wetlands provide numerous ecological goods and services but are under tremendous stress due to rapid urbanization, industrialization and agricultural intensification, manifested by the shrinkage in their areal extent, and decline in the hydrological economic and ecological functions they perform. This paper reviews

the wetland wealth of India in terms of their geographic distribution anti extent, ecosystem benefits they provide, anti the various stresses they are exposed to. The paper also discusses the efforts at management of these fragile ecosystems, identifies the institutional vacuum and suggests priority area where immediate attention is required in order to formulate better conservation strategies for these productive systems.

3. It has been found that the management of wetlands has received inadequate attention in the national water sector agenda. As a result, many of the wetlands are subject to anthropogenic pressures, including land use changes in the catchment; pollution from industry and households; encroachments; tourism; anti over exploitation of their natural resources. Further, majority of research on wetland management in India relates to the limnological aspects and ecological/ environmental economic of wetland management. But, the physical (such as hydrological and land use changes in the catchment) and socio-economic processes have not been explored substantially.

4. The UPBES (Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on biodiversity and Ecosystem Services) the global assessment identified wetlands as the most threatened

ecosystem. This impacts 40% of the world's plant and animal species that live or breed in wetlands according to UNESCO.



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer ANY SIX out of the eight questions by choosing the correct option.

- 11.** Select the functions NOT performed by the wetlands.

- (a) Purifying water
- (b) Storing nutrients
- (c) Stabilising shorelines
- (d) maintaining ecological balance

- 12.** Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.

- (1) Many of the wetlands are subject to anthropogenic pressures, including land use changes in the catchment.
- (2) The management of the wetlands has received inadequate attention in the national water sector agenda.
- (a) (1) is the result of (2).
- (b) (1) is the reason for (2).
- (c) Both (1) and (2) are true
- (d) (1) contradicts (2).

- 13.** Why are the Wetlands under tremendous stress?

- (a) due to rapid urbanisation
- (b) due to industrialization
- (c) due to agricultural intensification
- (d) Options (a), (b) and (c)

- 14.** Select the statement from the following that is NOT TRUE according to the passage.

- (a) The largest wetland in the world is the Amazon river basin.

- (b) India has a wealth of wetland ecosystems that support diverse and unique habitats.

- (c) Wetlands are a unique ecosystem flooded with migratory birds.

- (d) The global assessment identified wetlands as the most threatened ecosystem.

- 15.** Many of the wetlands are subject to:

- (a) pollution from industries and household
- (b) encroachment
- (c) both (a) and (b)
- (d) neither (a) nor (b)

- 16.** Which one of the following has not been explored substantially by the wetland management?

- (a) Socio-economic process
- (b) foreign aspects
- (c) Applied economics
- (d) Trade economics

- 17.** It has been found that the management of wetlands has received inadequate attention in the

- (a) national water sector agenda
- (b) Science-policy platform
- (c) geographic distribution
- (d) global assessment

- 18.** The study of aquatic ecosystems is related to the term..... .

- (a) Anthropogenic
- (b) Hydrological
- (c) Limnological
- (d) both (b) and (c)

# GRAMMAR AND WRITING

## GRAMMAR

**III. Answer ANY FIVE out of the six questions by selecting the most appropriate option for each.**

- 19.** I believe that sign is put up there so that we ..... enter the building. Look, there's a security guard too.  
 (a) would not (b) have to  
 (c) must not (d) could not
- 20.** We arrived late so ..... us were tired.  
 (a) none of (b) all of  
 (c) many (d) few of
- 21.** This time next week, I ..... on the yacht.  
 (a) would lying (b) will be lie  
 (c) will be lying (d) have been lying
- 22.** You ..... an accident if you go on driving like that.  
 (a) are having (b) shall have  
 (c) must have (d) might have

**23.** I can't dance because I ..... my ligament in the match.

- (a) have broken (b) broke  
 (c) had broken (d) will break

**24.** Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the passage.

Last year, my fruitful search turned up many important pieces of information. The findings culminated in searching the grandson of Ron Thomas who has posted the Gentry family history on a genealogy website to search for his grandson. I sent him the article, which he (i) ....., and his family was thrilled to receive it. He sent me some pictures and information about the family, and then I interviewed him over the phone.

Choose the correct option for (i)

- (a) has never seen  
 (b) had never seen before  
 (c) had seen already  
 (d) has seen before

## WRITING

**IV. Answer ANY FIVE out of the six questions given, with reference to the context below.**

You are Amit, a resident of Mary Enclave, Bangalore. You visited the fair and bought a few books. You were pleased with the arrangements, enthusiasm of the visitors and the fact that books have not yet lost their relevance in the world of the Internet. You have to write a letter to the editor expressing your feelings.

- 25.** Choose the CORRECT subject for the letter.  
 (a) Appreciation and joy to be at the World Book Fair  
 (b) Highlighting the joy to be at the World Book Fair  
 (c) Complaint regarding the joy to be at the World Book Fair  
 (d) Everyone needs to be at the World Book Fair

**26.** Fill in the blank with the correct option:

**29.** Writing a letter to the editor will help Amit to .....

"In a letter to the, sender's address is followed by....."

- (a) Receiver's Designation  
 (b) Salutation  
 (c) Date  
 (d) Subject

**27.** Identify the first address that Amit will include in the Letter to Editor.

- (a) Editor's home address  
 (b) Sender's address  
 (c) Address of Newspaper Company  
 (d) Any of the above

**28.** Pick the CORRECT format of the 'receiver's address' in the letter to editor for Amit.

- (a) The Times of India The Editor Abc Colony, City  
 (b) The Editor The Times of India Abc Colony, City  
 (c) Abc Colony, City The Times of India The Editor  
 (d) The Editor Abc Colony, City

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlight the importance of book fairs</li> <li>Express his joy to be at one</li> </ul> <p>(a)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make him look trendy</li> <li>Invite his friends for the next time</li> </ul> <p>(b)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stop such events from happening</li> <li>Spread negativity</li> </ul> <p>(c)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read more books</li> <li>Get more life ideas</li> </ul> <p>(d)</p>
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- 30.** Amit shares his feelings of joy in his letter, to address the issue.

Select the option that helps him complete these feelings of joy, appropriately.

I saw that there were record-breaking crowd of students on the ground who wanted books of all kinds. The arrangement in the fair was amazing. I felt so good to see the

old enthusiasm among the students that used to (i).....

Choose the correct option for (i)

- (a) show when we were kids
- (b) prevail before the internet era
- (c) prevail before exams
- (d) happen every day

## LITERATURE

This section has sub-sections - V, VI, VII, VIII & IX. There are a total of 30 questions in this section. Attempt any 26 questions from the sub-sections V to IX.

- V. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

*Peggy had begun to forget the whole business, and Maddie put herself to sleep at night making speeches about Wanda, defending her from great crowds of girls who were trying to tease her with, "How many dresses have you got?" And before Wanda could press her lips together in a tight line, the way she did before answering, Maddie would cry out, "Stop!"*

(The Hundred Dresses-II)

- 31.** "Peggy had begun to forget the whole business." What does 'business' here means?

- (a) Peggy's father business
- (b) Peggy's habit of mocking people
- (c) Wanda's father's letter stating mockery
- (d) Class tests

- 32.** Choose the option that reveals why Maddie was sleeping making speeches saving Wanda.

- (a) Maddie wanted to be famous
- (b) Maddie regretted not taking any stand for Wanda
- (c) Maddie was nagging
- (d) Maddie had sleep disorder

- 33.** Select the option that shows the correct number of dresses that Wanda would say she owned.

- (a) five
- (b) two
- (c) fifty
- (d) hundred

- 34.** Select the CORRECT emotion of Maddie from the extract.

- (a) elated
- (b) indifferent
- (c) shamefaced
- (d) arrogant

- 35.** The given words belong to a certain category in meaning. Choose the word that does NOT belong to the group.

- (a) tease
- (b) mock
- (c) bully
- (d) care

- VI. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

*Grandma died in January 1942. No one knows how often I think of her and still love her. This birthday celebration in 1942 was intended to make up for the other, and Grandma's candle was lit along with the rest.*

*The four of us are still doing well, and that brings me to the present date of 20 June 1942, and the solemn dedication of my diary.*

(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

- 36.** Which word DOES NOT relate to the term 'lit'?

- (a) candles
- (b) bulb
- (c) machine
- (d) matchstick

- 37.** The phrase "This birthday celebration in 1942 was intended to makeup for the other" means that:

- (a) Anne didn't want to celebrate her previous birthday
- (b) Anne wasn't in the city at her previous birthday
- (c) Anne's grandmother was ill so she didn't celebrate her birthday that year
- (d) Anne had no mood to celebrate her birthday that year.

- 38.** "The four of us". Pick the option the correctly defines who this line refers to in the extract.

- (a) Anne and her friends
- (b) Anne, her parents, her sister
- (c) Anne, her parents, her grandma
- (d) Anne, her parents, her friend

- 39.** Pick the word that is NOT similar to the term 'solemn'.

- (a) ceremonial
- (b) serious
- (c) sincere
- (d) light-hearted

- 40.** Choose the CORECT reason of the death of Anne's Grandma.

- (a) out of ill health
- (b) out of age
- (c) out of accident
- (d) out of murder

**VII. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

*No use to say 'O there are other balls':  
An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy,  
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down,  
All his young days into the harbor where,  
His ball went. I would not intrude on him;  
A dime, another ball, is worthless.  
Now, He senses first responsibility  
(The Ball Poem)*

- 41.** Why there's no use to say there are other balls ?  
(a) as the ball is special to the boy and any other ball can't replace it.  
(b) as the boy hates other balls  
(c) as the boy won't listen  
(d) as the ball is special one.
- 42.** Identify the feeling of the boy on losing his ball.  
(a) The boy is grief stricken and feels like he lost his entire childhood.  
(b) The boy is not affected by his loss.  
(c) The boy feels angry at the loss.  
(d) The boy feels happy to get a new ball.
- 43.** The poet decides after seeing the boy in grief.  
(a) The poet decided to not to intrude the boy and let him grief  
(b) To buy the boy a new ball  
(c) To console him  
(d) To laugh at the boy
- 44.** Explain "now his senses his first responsibility".  
(a) Responsibility of taking care of his belongings so as not to lose it  
(b) Responsibility of retrieving the ball from the water  
(c) Responsibility of buying a new ball  
(d) Responsibility of enjoying the loss
- 45.** Which word same as "stiff".  
(a) Belonging (b) Worthless  
(c) Rigid (d) ball

**VIII. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

*The two boys started in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet. What was a barefooted man doing on the steps of a house in the middle of London? And where was the man? As they gazed, a remarkable sight met their eyes. A fresh footmark appeared from nowhere! Further footprints*

*followed, one after another, descending the steps and progressing down the street. The boys followed, fascinated, until the muddy impressions became fainter and fainter, and at last disappeared altogether.*

(Footprints Without Feet)

- 46.** According to the boys, the footprints were  
(a) those of a ghost  
(b) their imagination.  
(c) of an invisible man  
(d) those of a mysterious man.
- 47.** Which of the following options is best synonym of the word 'gazed'?  
(a) gaped (b) disbelieved  
(c) stared (d) overlooked
- 48.** Identify the boys' feeling based on the extract.  
(a) excited, curious, happy  
(b) captivated, curious, puzzled  
(c) happy, shocked, captivated  
(d) lonesome, sad, scared
- 49.** Choose the CORRECT reason of boys being surprised to see a barefooted man in London.  
(a) nobody does that anyway  
(b) it wasn't the trend  
(c) it was pretty cold to move around bare feet.  
(d) it was an unusual sight to see someone this way.
- 50.** Select out the option that is NOT related to 'started' as used in the extract  
(a) flinched (b) jerked  
(c) recoiled (d) pointed
- IX. Attempt the following.**
- 51.** Choose the option that represents 'rainbow gathering' at the installation ceremony of Mandela as a President correctly.  
(a) People with different-coloured eyes.  
(b) People with different-coloured hair.  
(c) People with different-coloured clothes.  
(d) People with different-coloured skin tones.
- 52.** Maddie never liked Peggy for bullying Wanda but she never stopped her. Why?  
(a) as she enjoyed watching it  
(b) as she wasn't courageous enough to stop Peggy from doing it  
(c) as she wanted Peggy to do it  
(d) as she wanted a revenge from Wanda
- 53.** Choose the option that applies correctly to the statements given below.  
(1) The people of the village that is located at the edge of the jungle are terrorized

- (2) The wild wolf howls and petrifies the villagers with its claws.  
(a) (1) is true but (2) is false  
(b) (1) is true but (2) is not related to (1)  
(c) both (1) and (2) are true  
(d) both (1) and (2) are false
- 54.** Select the option that represents the element that resonates with 'desire' in the poem 'Fire and Ice'.  
(a) Fire (b) Ice  
(c) Earth (d) Air
- 55.** Lencho has worked on his corn fields like an ox of a man. The phrase 'ox of a man' means:  
(a) to work very hard  
(b) to work lazily  
(c) to work clumsily  
(d) to not work at all
- 56.** Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.  
(1) Mandela had all his rights as a native citizen of South Africa during 'apartheid'.  
(2) Apartheid was a policy to discriminate people based on their skin color.  
(a) (1) is true but (2) is false  
(b) (1) is false but (2) is true  
(c) Both (1) and (2) are true  
(d) Both (1) and (2) are false
- 57.** Anne was a very creative girl who used to write flawlessly. This shows that Anne was  
(a) sharp-witted (b) dumb-witted  
(c) clever (d) tricky
- 58.** Choose the option that represents the object that was lost by the boy in 'The Ball Poem'.  
(a) box (b) ring  
(c) cap (d) ball
- 59.** Choose the option that applies correctly to the statements given below.  
(1) Dr. Herriot told Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricki needed a 'surgery' to get cured of the ailment  
(2) Dr. Herriot wanted to get money from Tricki's rich owner  
(a) (1) is true but (2) is false  
(b) (1) is true but (2) is not related to (1)  
(c) both (1) and (2) are true  
(d) both (1) and (2) are false
- 60.** Choose the option that shows what astonished two young boys in the street of London.  
(a) fingerprints (b) ghosts  
(c) magician (d) footprints



# SOLUTION

## SAMPLE PAPER - 11

### READING

1. (c) *life lessons*

2. (b) *Because they maintain the ecological balance and save our environment.*

**Explanation :** It is given in the passage that in many cultures, nature is worshipped as it gives us the message to save our environment & maintain ecological balance that nature tries to do. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

3. (a) *be progressive in life and find other ways to overcome the problems.*

**Explanation:** Paragraph 4 clearly talks about the lessons that nature teaches us. If nature finds an obstacle in its way, it searches for an alternative way and to keep the fighting spirit alive. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

4. (b) *nature*

5. (a) *conquer*

6. (c) *We know that nature is angry with us.*

7. (b) *Parents*

8. (c) *surroundings*

9. (a) *More available possibilities.*

**Explanation:** The word 'alternative' means to have an option or a choice of different thing. Here, (c) is similar in meaning to 'alternative'. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

10. (a) *Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we can ever learn from books.* —John Lubbock

**Explanation:** The passage conveys a message that nature has to teach us a lot of things. It teaches us those things which even books can not in a practical way. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

11. (d) *Maintaining ecological balance*

**Explanation:** It is clearly given in the passage that wetland perform functions of purifying water, storing nutrients and stabilising shorelines but not maintaining ecological balance. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

12. (a) *(1) is the result of (2).*

**Explanation:** It is clearly given in paragraph 3 that the management of the wetlands has

received inadequate attention in the national water sector agenda. As a result, many of the wetlands are subject to anthropogenic pressures, including land use changes in the catchment. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

13. (d) *Options (a), (b) and (c)*

14. (c) *Wetlands are a unique ecosystem flooded with migratory birds.*

15. (c) *both (a) and (b)*

16. (a) *Socio-economic process*

17. (b) *national water sector agenda*

18. (b) *Limnological.*

19. (c) *must not*

20. (b) *all of*

21. (c) *will be lying*

22. (d) *might have*

23. (a) *have broken*

24. (b) *had never seen before*

**Explanation:** The sentence talks about a thing that has never taken place in the past. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

25. (a) *Appreciation and joy to be at the World Book Fair*

26. (c) *Date*

**Explanation:** According to the format of formal letters, we mention the date after the sender's address. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

27. (b) *Sender's address*

**Explanation:** The letter to editor begins with the mention of Sender's full address. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

28. (b) *The Editor The Times of India Abc Colony, City*

**Explanation:** The correct format for mentioning the receiver's address for a letter to an editor is "Designation/ Name of newspaper/ colony and state". Hence, (b) is the right answer.

29. (a) • *Highlight the importance of book fairs*  
• *Express his joy to be at one*

30. (b) prevail before the internet era

31. (c) Wanda's father's letter stating mockery

**Explanation:** The term 'business' here means about the letter that Wanda's father had written to Miss Mason revealing the mockery and discrimination meted out to Wanda. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

32. (b) Maddie regretted not taking any stand for Wanda

**Explanation:** Maddie blamed herself for not taking any stand for Wanda when she could have done it. She felt guilty of not saving Wanda from mockery. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

33. (d) hundred

34. (c) shamefaced

35. (d) care

36. (c) machine

**Explanation:** The term 'lit' is used as a verb to light something. Options (a), (b) and (d) can be lit but (c) machine is started not lit. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

37. (c) Anne's grandmother was ill so she didn't celebrate her birthday that year

**Explanation:** In the summer of 1941, Anne's grandma fell ill and had to have an operation, so Anne's birthday passed with little celebration that year. Thus, this year's birthday celebration was to make up for that. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

38. (b) Anne, her parents, her sister

39. (d) light-hearted

**Explanation:** The term 'solemn' means a serious or formal emotion or event while (d) light-hearted means not serious. Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

40. (a) out of ill health

41. (a) as the ball is special to the boy and any other ball can't replace it.

42. (a) The boy is grief stricken and feels like he lost his entire childhood.

**Explanation:** The boy felt sad as all his memories of childhood got lost with the loss of ball. He felt as if he lost all his childhood with the ball. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

43. (a) The poet decided to not to intrude the boy and let him grief

**Explanation:** The poet decided to leave the boy grieving alone because he wanted to make the boy experience his first-ever loss of his beloved thing. That grief would make the boy stronger. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

44. (a) Responsibility of taking care of his belongings so as not to lose it

45. (c) Rigid

46. (d) those of a mysterious man.

**Explanation:** It is clear from the extract that the man whose footprints were visible was nowhere to be seen. He was a mysterious man for him. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

47. (a) gaped

**Explanation:** The term 'gazed' means to look with admiration at something. Gaped is similar in meaning to look admirably at something. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

48. (b) captivated, curious, puzzled

**Explanation:** The boys in the extract were 'surprised' and 'fascinated'. They were curious, captivated and confused at the event. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

49. (d) it was an unusual sight to see someone this way.

**Explanation:** It is clear from the extract that the boys were astonished at the barefooted as the 'footmark appeared from nowhere'. There wasn't any man but foot imprints. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

50. (d) pointed

**Explanation:** In the extract, the term 'started' referred to the shock that the boys got on seeing the imprints of feet without a man. Options (a), (b) and (c) are all similar in meaning to 'started' while (d) pointed is not. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

51. (d) people with different-coloured skin tones

**Explanation:** The building was full of rainbow gathering of color, which means all skin-colored people were present. So, the writer is talking about the color of skin. Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

52. (b) as she wasn't courageous enough to stop Peggy from doing it

**Explanation:** Maddie was a kind-hearted girl who didn't like Peggy teasing Wanda but she couldn't stop her because she didn't want Peggy to make fun of Maddie herself instead.

53. (a) (1) is true but (2) is false

**Explanation:** It is true that the people of the village that is located at the edge of the jungle are terrorized but not because of the wolf. The tiger roars and claws terrify them. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

54. (a) Fire

**Explanation:** According to the poet, fire represents desire in humans. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

55. (a) to work very hard

**Explanation:** 'Ox of a man' is a proverb that is used for a person that works really hard. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

**56.** (b) *statement 1 is false but statement 2 is true*

**Explanation:** Mandela did not have any rights as a native of the nation as he was a black person. Under 'apartheid', people with dark skins would not get any right or freedom. They were discriminated. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

**57.** (a) *sharp-witted*

**58.** (d) *ball*

**59.** (a) *(1) is true but (2) is false*

**Explanation:** Dr. Herriot told Tricky's owner, Mrs. Pumphrey that Tricky needed a surgery

only in order to take him away from her as she won't stop overfeeding her dog and he would die. He wasn't being greedy. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

**60.** (d) *footprints*

**Explanation:** Two boys were extremely shocked and surprised to see the footprints of a barefooted man who wasn't visible. These footprints appeared fresh in the muddy street of London. Hence, (d) is the correct answer.