

TERM-1

SAMPLE PAPER

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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. *Everybody wants to succeed in life. Success comes to those who are sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed to their goals.*
2. *Success has been man's greatest motivation and has a great effect on life. It brings pleasure and pride. It gives a sense of fulfilment. it means all-round development. Everybody hopes to be successful in life. But success smiles on those who have a proper approach, planning, vision and stamina. One cannot be successful without cultivating these certain basic things in life. it is very difficult to set out on a journey without knowing one's goals and purposes. Clarity of the objective is a must to succeed in life. A focused approach with proper planning is certain to bring success. Indecision and insincerity are big obstacles on the path to success.*
3. *One should have the capability, capacity and resources to turn one's dreams into reality. Mere desire cannot bring you success. This is the basic requirement of success. The next important thing is the eagerness, seriousness and the urge to be successful. it is the driving force which decides the success. it is the first step on the ladder of success.*
4. *One needs to pursue one's goals with all sincerity and passion. One should always be in high spirit. Lack of such spirit leads to an inferiority complex which is a big obstruction on the path to success. Time is also a deciding factor. Only the punctual and committed have succeeded in life. Lives of great men are examples of this. They had all these qualities in plenty which helped rise to the peak of success.*
5. *Hard labour is one of the basic requirements of success. There is no substitute for hard labour. It alone can take one to the peak of success. Every success has a ratio of five per cent inspiration and ninety-five per cent perspiration. It is the patience, persistence and perseverance which play a decisive role in achieving success. Failures are the pillars of success as they are our stepping-stones and we must get up and start again and be motivated.*

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, success comes certainly to those**
 - (a) Who pursue a goal
 - (b) Who have a focused approach
 - (c) Who can motivate themselves.
 - (d) Who are sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed to their goals.

2. Select the option that suitably completes the dialogue with reference to paragraph 5.
Amit: I wonder if there is any short-cut to success!
Sonya: No way Amit. Hard work is the key to success.
- There are many other keys as well
 - There is no substitute for hard work
 - However, you can still manage without it
 - It is not the basic requirement though.
3. Identify the basic things in life that we need to achieve success.
- We need to develop a proper approach, planning, session and stamina
 - We must have all round development
 - we must have an large to be successful
 - We must have one purpose in life
4. Choose the quality that great men have in plenty to rise to the peak of success.
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| (I) High spirits | (II) Sincerity |
| (III) Punctuality | (IV) Commitment |
| (V) Hard labour | (VI) Passion |
- II, III and IV
 - V and VI
 - II, IV and VI
 - I, II, III, IV, V and VI
5. is the one basic requirement of success.
- Goal
 - Politeness
 - Hard labour
 - Dignity
6. Select the correct sentence from the given options that have correct usage of 'perspiration' as used in the passage.
- As he climbed back down, he wiped perspiration from his forehead with the back of his hand.
 - External things are things known to us in immediate perspiration
 - You can't expect all this perspiration to happen without a lot of work
 - The perspiration of rain, snow and hail is about 55 in
7. Choose the statement from the given option that is NOT TRUE.
- One needs to pursue one's goals with all one's capability.
 - Lack of stamina leads to blur vision which is a big obstruction on the path to success.
 - Indecision and clarity are big obstacles on the path to success.
 - High spirit leads to an inferiority complex which is a big obstruction on the path to success.
8. is considered to be the stepping-stone to success.
- Failures
 - Motivation
 - faith
 - dreams
9. What are big obstacles on the path to success?
- Lack of high spirits
 - Deciding factor
 - Indecision and insincerity
 - Lack of commitment
10. Choose the option that lists the quote best expressing the central idea of the passage.
- "Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other."
—Walter Elliot
 - "The difference between the difficult and the impossible is that the impossible takes a little longer time."
—Lady Aberdeen
 - "Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish."
—John Quincy Adams
 - "I am a slow walker, but I never walk back."
—Abraham Lincoln

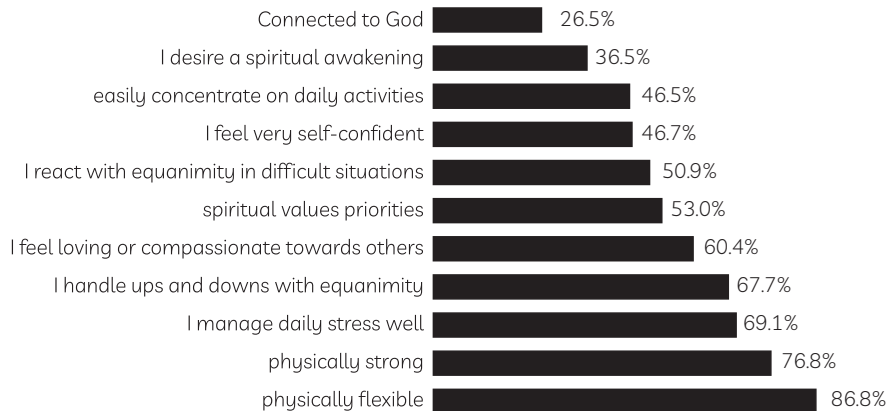
II. Read the passage given below:

- Yoga is not a particular denomination or religion, but an age-old practice based on a harmonizing system for the body, mind, and spirit to attain inner peace and liberation.*
- Within the past decade, yoga has infiltrated not only Western culture, but also Western medicine. The more we learn about this ancient practice, the more we realize that its benefits go far beyond increased flexibility and muscle tone. A common misunderstanding is that yoga predominantly focuses on increasing flexibility; however, the physical practice of yoga, does emphasize appropriate postural alignment, musculoskeletal strength and endurance as well as balance. The study and practice of yoga incorporates mindfulness based practices such as mindful breathing techniques, focused concentration, meditation and self-reflection.*
- We give undue importance to our health and the treatment of diseases. A large number of medicines treat only the symptoms of the disease, and not the root cause. In fact, the cause of many chronic ailments is still being researched. It is here that yoga therapy*

comes to our assistance. Yoga emphasizes treatment of the root cause of an ailment works in a slow, subtle and miraculous manner. Modern medicine can claim to save

a life at a critical stage, but, for complete recovery and regaining of normal health, one must believe in the efficiency of yoga therapy.

Range of physical mental, and emotional benefits (n=2605)



4. *The yogic way of life includes a code of ethics, regulations, discipline, combined with prayer and meditation. Even a discussion of these subjects helps one relieve tensions and change attitudes. Simple asanas help to stretch and relax the whole body and release tensions. The sincere practice of yoga postures is beneficial for the mind and body.*
5. *The continued practice of yoga has profound effect on the inner chemenstones of life Yoga aims at developing the mental, physical, spiritual and emotional lactities. Other forms physical exercise, like aerobics, assumer only physical well being. They have little to do with the development of the soul and mind.*

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

- 11.** For complete recovery and regaining of normal health, one must believe in:
 - (a) God
 - (b) mindful breathing techniques
 - (c) efficiency of yoga therapy
 - (d) doctors
- 12.** Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.
 - (1) Yoga can treat the root cause of an ailment
 - (2) Modern medicines can save a life at a critical stage
 - (a) (1) is the result of (2).
 - (b) (1) is true and (2) is false
 - (c) (1) is independent of (2).
 - (d) (1) contradicts (2).

- 13.** Most of the medicines treat
 - (a) Only the symptoms and not the root cause
 - (b) Only the critical stage of saving life.
 - (c) Only the root cause
 - (d) Both the symptoms and the root cause
- 14.** Identify the working of the yoga therapy.
 - (a) It works in a slow, harsh and credible manner.
 - (b) It works in a slow, subtle and miraculous manner.
 - (c) It works in a strict manner.
 - (d) It works in a temperory way.
- 15.** Yoga aims at developing the whereas physical exercise only develop the
 - (a) physical, mental, spiritual and emotional faculties; body
 - (b) normal health; soul
 - (c) body: emotional faculty
 - (d) physical well-being, body
- 16.** Yoga is different from other forms of treatment as it?
 - (a) emphasises on the treatment of the root cause of an ailment.
 - (b) focuses more on the physical body.
 - (c) emphasizes on the treatment of the symptoms of an ailment.
 - (d) focuses more on the soul and mind.
- 17.** Select the option that shows what has yoga infiltrated within the past decade.
 - (l) Western philosophy

- (II) Western culture
- (III) Western manner
- (IV) Western medicine
- (a) II and IV (b) III and IV
- (c) I and IV (d) II and IV

- 18.** The phrase 'age-old practice' means
- (a) Recent practice
 - (b) Ancient practice
 - (c) Few-years old practice
 - (d) Five year old practice

GRAMMAR AND WRITING

GRAMMAR

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

- 19.** There a crazy number of buys in the garden
- (a) are (b) have
 - (c) is (d) has
- 20.** Some of the students in my class sad as that they did not pass.
- (a) was (b) were
 - (c) is (d) may
- 21.** They are going to the concert. They have already got tickets.
- (a) there (b) theirs
 - (c) their (d) them

22. Plants have sunlight in order to make food.

- (a) must (b) can
- (c) may (d) will

23. Since our bags are identical, you have taken mine by mistake

- (a) should (b) could
- (c) will (d) shall

24. Choose the correct option to complete the given dialogue.

Priya : Hey Smita. Are you free this weekend?

Smita : Yes, (i) "....." .

Choose the correct option for (i)

- (a) I am busy this weekend
- (b) I have no plans for the weekend
- (c) I have a meeting for the weekend
- (d) Sorry, I have an appointment

WRITING

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

You are Akansha, a resident of Preet Vihar, Kota. You have to write an official letter complaining about the road passing in front of the school which is congested with school buses, mini buses, private cars, etc.

- 25.** According to Akansha, what is the most appropriate salutation for the letter?
- (a) Hi there
 - (b) Dear Sir/Ma'am
 - (c) Hello
 - (d) Good Morning Sir/Ma'am
- 26.** When Akansha will begin writing an official letter of complaint, she will first write about:
- (a) the problem that she is facing
- 29.** Writing an official complaint letter will help Akansha to..... .

- (b) the suggestions that she has in mind
- (c) the disappointment she is dealing with
- (d) the conclusion of the letter

27. As Akansha is annoyed by the daily traffic jam in her area that happen due to a school placed there, whom will she write the letter to?

- (a) the editor of a newspaper
- (b) Commissioner of Police (traffic)
- (c) police constable
- (d) school principal

28. While writing a letter of complaint, Akansha shall never sound

- (a) offensive (b) polite
- (c) concerned (d) formal

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind up the school • Demean the school management <p style="text-align: center;">(a)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage the traffic during school hours • Keep the pedestrians safe <p style="text-align: center;">(b)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolish the school • Get its location changed <p style="text-align: center;">(c)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bring betterment in the society • Solve the poor sewage in the area <p style="text-align: center;">(d)</p>
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30. Akansha shares some suggestions in her letter, to address the issue.

Select the option that helps her complete these suggestions, appropriately.

Much of this nuisance will be dealt with if a traffic police officer stands in the middle of the crossing. It will be so kind of you if you could provide at least two (i)

..... during the morning and the afternoon hours.

Choose the correct answer for (i)

- (a) road diversions
- (b) policemen
- (c) school buses and vans
- (d) traffic police constables to regulate the traffic

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:

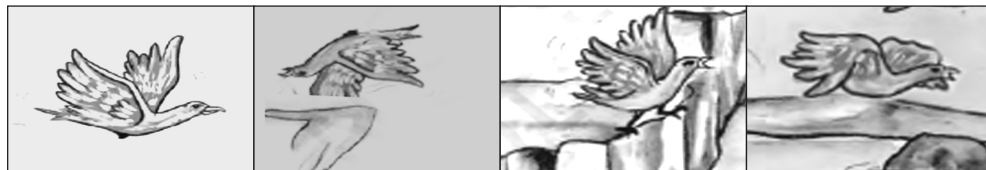
Then a monstrous terror seized him and his heart stood still. He could hear nothing. But it only lasted a minute. The next moment he felt his wings spread outwards. The wind rushed against his breast feathers, then under his stomach, and against his wings. He could feel the tips of his wings cutting through the air. He was not falling headlong now. He was soaring gradually

downwards and outwards, He was no longer afraid. He just felt a bit dizzy.

Then he flapped his wings once and he soared upwards. "Ga, ga, ga, Ga, ga, ga, Gaw-col-ah," his mother swooped past him, her wings making a loud noise. He answered her with another scream. Then his father flew over him screaming. He saw his two brothers and his sister flying around him curveting and banking and soaring and diving. Then he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly, and commended himself to dive and soar and curve, shrieking shrilly.

(His First Flight)

31. Choose the picture that shows what happened the next moment:



- (1) His wings spread outwards.
- (2) He fell down
- (3) He couldn't move
- (4) His wings did not open
- (a) option (1)
- (b) options (2)
- (c) options (3)
- (d) options (4)

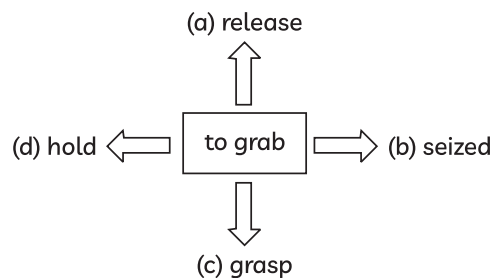
32. What did the young seagull's mother do?

- (a) She let him fall
- (b) She was proud of him and made a lot of noise
- (c) She swooped past him and made a loud noise with her wings
- (d) She also began flying with him

33. How did his family react?

- (a) They all were happy
- (b) They applauded his effort
- (c) They began flying around him
- (d) They continued with their tasks

34. The passage uses the phrase 'to grab'. Which of the following expressions is incorrect with respect to the word 'grab'?



35. The statement that is TRUE about him, according to the passage is.

- (a) He was scared
- (b) He did not fall headlong
- (c) Cowardice had seized him
- (d) He could not spread his wings

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

Goodness! Wasn't there anything she could do? If only she could tell Wanda she hadn't meant to hurt her feelings. She turned around and stole a glance at Peggy, but Peggy did not look up. She seemed to be studying hard. Well, whether Peggy felt badly or not, she, Maddie, had to do something. She had to find Wanda Petronski. Maybe she had not yet moved away.

(The Hundred Dresses-II)

- 36.** Where was Wanda moving to, according to the extract?
- to another village
 - to another street
 - to another city
 - to another country
- 37.** Select the word that defines the word 'immigrants'.
- destitute people
 - rich people
 - people who have migrated from another country
 - people who belong to other races
- 38.** Select the word that can NOT replace 'glance'.
- glimpse
 - look
 - peek
 - avoid
- 39.** Identify Maddie's emotion when she heard that Wanda left.
- elated
 - shocked
 - enraged
 - indifferent
- 40.** What does the phrase 'stole a glance' mean?
- to look quickly and secretly
- 45.** Choose the situation that corresponds to the emotion behind the exclamation mark in the poem.

(1)

Hey ! Hey! That's no way to dispose off the garbage. Have you no community sense? Please but it in the bin.

(a) option 1

(2)

I knew it! I knew he'll fare well in his auditions for 'Young Chef'. Now, we prepare for the semi-finals.

(b) option 2

(3)

I dont know where I've placed my ID-card. Let me check the bag once more. Ah, finally!

(c) option 3

(4)

I've been trying to call mom for the past 20 minutes and can't get through. I don't know how...Aarrgh! Again!

(d) option 4

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

Griffin, the scientist, had carried out experiment after experiment to prove that the human body could become invisible. Finally

- to look shyly
- to look constantly
- to look deeply

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

*What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,
What, what is he to do? I saw it go
Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
Merrily over- there it is in the water!
(The Ball Poem)*

- 41.** What, according to the poem, the speaker wants?
- wants to know the mystery of the ball
 - expects the boy to tell him how he feels
 - is thinking to himself.
 - is looking for answers in a book.
- 42.** According to the extract, who is the poet?
- an onlooker observing
 - a parent remembering the incident
 - the boy talking about himself
 - a poet imagining the incident
- 43.** Select the option that showcases a CORRECT example of alliteration from the extract.
- and then/ Merrily over
 - What is the boy now
 - who has lost his ball
 - I saw it go
- 44.** Choose the option that signifies the indication that has made with the 'merry bouncing of the ball'.
- contrast with the dejected feeling of the boy.
 - makes a sense of pun.
 - gives the experience of playing.
 - indicate the merry mood of the boy.

he swallowed certain rare drugs and his body became as transparent as a sheet of glass — though it also remained as solid as glass.

Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person. His landlord disliked

him and tried to eject him. In revenge Griffin set fire to the house. To get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money, and quite invisible — until he happened to step in some mud, and left footprints as he walked!
(Footprints Without Feet)

- 46.** Select the option that describes the phrase 'his body became as transparent as a sheet of glass'. It means that Griffin
- (a) became fat (b) became thin
(c) became strong (d) became invisible
- 47.** 'Griffin carried out multiple experiments.' Why did he do so?
- (a) to become the most successful
(b) to become invisible
(c) to become the richest
(d) to become the strongest
- 48.** What did Griffin do to take revenge from his landlord? Choose the correct option.
- (a) murdered his landlord
(b) burnt his landlord's house
(c) threw his landlord off a building
(d) beaten his landlord to death
- 49.** Choose the option that is NOT true about Griffin.
- (a) He was a brilliant scientist
(b) he was successful at being invisible
(c) he was a lawful person
(d) he was revengeful
- 50.** Choose the option that is NOT true as per the extract.
- (a) Griffin had a healthy relationship with his landlord
(b) Griffin became transparent as sheet of glass
(c) Griffin was a brilliant scientist
(d) Griffin became a homeless wanderer
- IX. Attempt the following.**
- 51.** Miss Mason never scold or punished her students for their mistakes, rather, she always wanted them to realize their faults. This shows that she was
- (a) a poor teacher
(b) a kind-hearted teacher
(c) a strict teacher
(d) an untrained teacher
- 52.** What did Lencho ask God for in the first letter?
- (a) to give him a new dress
(b) to provide him hundred pesos
(c) to give him a hundred cattle
(d) to make him the richest farmer of the village
- 53.** Choose the correct message that the poem 'Dust of Snow' conveys.
- (a) that everything is ugly in the world
(b) that people deserve bad as they don't treat the mother nature right
(c) that nothing in the nature is ugly, inauspicious or negative
(d) that the world is full of inauspicious creatures
- 54.** Symbolically, 'fire' does NOT represent the destructive human emotions like
- (a) anger (b) brutality
(c) audacity (d) happiness
- 55.** The unsympathetic white rulers oppressed the innocent black natives of South Africa through the racial discrimination policy. What was the name of the policy?
- (a) racism (b) native slaves
(c) fascist (d) apartheid
- 56.** 'His First Flight' is a narrative that describes the flight of a young seagull.
- (a) last (b) long
(c) maiden (d) disastrous
- 57.** Anne was considered a chatterbox. What do you mean by the term 'chatterbox'?
- (a) one who cheats a lot
(b) one who laughs a lot
(c) one who studies a lot
(d) one who talks a lot
- 58.** The poem contrasts the life of tiger in
- (a) zoo – forest
(b) zoo – museums
(c) museums – forest
(d) forest – village
- 59.** Dr. Herriot got concerned when he looked at Tricki. Why?
- (a) as he looked ugly
(b) as he looked sad
(c) as he was injured
(d) as he looked seriously ill
- 60.** Anil offered Hari Singh a job. What was it?
- (a) co-writer (b) domestic servant
(c) clerk (d) cartoonist



SOLUTION

SAMPLE PAPER - 5

READING

1. (d) *who are sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed to their goals.*

2. (a) *there is no substitute for hard work*

Explanation: As it is clearly given in paragraph 5 that hard work is the key requirement for success. There is no substitute for it, (b) is the right answer.

3. (a) *We need to develop a proper approach, planning, session and stamina*

4. (d) *I, II, III, IV and VI*

5. (c) *Hard labour*

Explanation: It is given in the passage that 'hard labour' is one of the basic requirement of success. There is no substitute for hard work. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

6. (a) *As he climbed back down, he wiped perspiration from his forehead with the back of his hand.*

7. (b) *Lack of stamina leads to blur vision which is a big obstruction on the path to success.*

8. (a) *Failures*

9. (c) *Indecision and insincerity*

10. (c) *"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish."*

—John Quincy Adams

Explanation: In the passage, the author wants us to understand that patience and

perseverance play a decisive role in achieving success. If one has them both, nothing can come in his path to success. Hence (c) is the right answer.

11. (c) *Efficiency of yoga therapy*

12. (c) *(1) is independent of (2).*

Explanation: It is clearly given in paragraph 5 of the passage that yoga emphasizes on the treatment of the root cause of ailment while the modern medicines may save a life at a critical stage. Both the statements are true and independent. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

13. (a) *Only the symptoms and not the root cause*

14. (b) *It works in a slow, subtle and miraculous manner.*

Explanation: It is given in the passage that yoga therapy treats the root cause of an ailment in a slow, subtle and miraculous manner. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

15. (a) *physical, mental, spiritual and emotional faculties; body*

16. (a) *emphasizes on the treatment of the root cause of an ailment*

17. (a) *II and IV*

18. (b) *Ancient practice*

Explanation: The phrase 'age-old practice' is used to emphasize the presence of the practice that is millions of years old or ancient in time. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

GRAMMAR AND WRITING

GRAMMAR

19. (c) *is*

Explanation: The term 'number' is singular. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

20. (b) *were*

21. (c) *their*

22. (a) *must*

Explanation: Plants are 'required' to have sunlight as it is a fact and necessary thing for them to do. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

23. (b) *could.*

24. (b) *I have no plans for the weekend*

WRITING

25. (b) *Dear Sir/Ma'am*

Explanation: As the official letter is a formal letter, hence, (b) is the right answer.

26. (a) *the problem that she is facing*

27. (b) *Commissioner of Police (traffic)*

28. (a) *offensive*

Explanation: As the letter is written to a higher authority and is official, it is necessary that one should sound polite and not offensive or ride. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

29. (b) *Manage the traffic during school hours, Keep the pedestrians safe*

30. (d) *traffic police constables to regulate the traffic*

LITERATURE

31. (a) *option (1)*

Explanation: His wings spread outwards as is given in the very first line of the extract, at the very next moment his wings spread out. So, (a) is the correct answer here.

32. (b) *She was proud of him and made a lot of noise*

Explanation: Since the young seagull wasn't able to fly for the whole day due to fear, but when he flew his mother felt proud like any other mother would be on her child's achievements. So, here the answer is (b).

33. (c) *They began flying around him*

Explanation: As the young seagull succeeded in flying, his family was all happy and applauded his effort. As the birds have no other way of expressing their feelings, so they started to flew around him to support and applaud him.

34. (a) *release*

35. (b) *He did not fall headlong*

Explanation: He was no longer afraid. He began to fly. He was not falling headlong. He flapped his wings. Therefore, (b) is correct.

36. (c) *to another city*

37. (c) *people who have migrated from another country*

Explanation: The term 'immigrants' refer to the people who migrate from their country to another. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

38. (d) *avoid*

Explanation: The term 'glance' means to look. Here, options (a), (b) and (c) are all similar in meaning to the term 'glance' while (d) avoid is not. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

39. (b) *shocked*

40. (a) *to look quickly and secretly*

Explanation: The phrase 'steal a glance' is used to look at someone or something quickly and secretly. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

41. (c) *is thinking to himself.*

Explanation: In the poem, the poet isn't making any conversation with the boy. He is an onlooker who is (c) thinking to himself looking at the situation of the boy. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

42. (a) *an onlooker observing*

Explanation: It is clear from the extract that the poet is (a) an onlooker as he observes the incident of the boy losing his ball. He looks that the ball jumps and moves across the street, then finally into the water. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

43. (c) *who has lost his ball*

Explanation: In option (b), the words 'has' and 'his' has similar starting sound. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

44. (a) *contrast with the dejected feeling of the boy.*

Explanation: The poet has used the word 'merry' ironically to (a) contrast the emotion of the ball with that of the boy. The boy was feeling sad at his loss while the ball was merrily jumping off the street. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

45. (c) *option 3*

Explanation: The exclamation mark in the poem is used to mark the 'ultimate' or the final destination of the ball. It has reached to its final destination from where, it won't be retrieved.

In the same way, the final destination of the ID card has been known. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

46. (d) *became invisible*

Explanation: Griffin became 'transparent' as a sheet of glass that means he became invisible. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

47. (b) *to become invisible*

Explanation: It is clear from the extract that Griffin carried out many experiments to 'prove that the human body could become invisible'. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

48. (b) *burnt his landlord's house*

Explanation: It is clear from the extract that Griffin burned the house of his landlord to take revenge. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

49. (c) *he was a lawful person*

50. (a) *Griffin had a healthy relationship with his landlord*

Explanation: Griffin did not have a healthy relationship with his landlord. It is clearly given in the extract that 'His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him'. Hence, (a) is the right answer.

51. (b) *a kind-hearted teacher*

52. (b) *to provide him hundred pesos*

Explanation: As Lencho lost all his crops to the hailstorm, he won't be able to earn a penny for the year. So, he asked God to send him a hundred pesos to survive the year. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

53. (c) *that nothing in the nature is ugly, inauspicious or negative*

Explanation: The poem explains that even the things which are considered as inauspicious can be instrumental in changing one's mood and make one's day. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

54. (d) *happiness*

55. (d) *apartheid*

Explanation: The policy through which the blacks of the nation were oppressed by the whites was known as apartheid. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

56. (c) *maiden*

Explanation: The term 'maiden' refers to first. The chapter is about the bird's first ever flight. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

57. (d) *one who talks a lot.*

58. (a) *zoo – forest*

59. (d) *as he looked seriously ill*

60. (b) *domestic servant*

Explanation: When Anil saw Hari Singh and heard his story of misery, he at once decided to keep Hari as his domestic servant. Hence, (b) is the right answer.

