

SBI CLERK PRE - ENGLISH LANGUAGE SET (BASED ON MEMORY)

Directions (Q. 1-10): Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words/phrases are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

As soon as Krishna learnt of the events at Hastinapura, the game of dice and the exile of the Pandavas, he set out for the forest where the Pandavas, were living. Along with Krishna went many, including men of the Bhoja and Vrishni tribes, Dhrishtaketu, the king of Chedi country, and the Kekayas, who were all devoted to the Pandavas. They were filled with righteous indignation when they heard of Duryodhana's perfidy and cried out that surely the earth would drink the blood of such wicked people. Draupadi approached Sri Krishna and, in a voice drowned in tears and broken with sobs, told the story of her wrongs.

She said: "I was dragged to the assembly when I had but a single garment on my body. The sons of Dhritarashtra insulted me most outrageously and **gloated** over my agony. They thought that I had become their slave and **accosted** me and treated me as one. Even Bhishma and Dhritarashtra forgot my birth and breeding and my relationship to them. O Janardhana, even my husbands did not protect me from the jeers and the ribald insults of those foul ruffians. Bhima's bodily strength and Arjuna's Gandiva were alike of no avail. Under such supreme provocation even weaklings would have found strength and courage to strike the vile insulter dead. The Pandavas are renowned heroes and yet Duryodhana lives! I, the daughter-in-law of the emperor Pandu, was dragged by my hair. I, the wife of five heroes, was dishonoured. O Madhusudana, even you had deserted me." She stood trembling, utterly unable to continue, for the grief **convulsed** her.

Krishna was deeply moved and he consoled the weeping Draupadi. He said: "Those who **tormented** you will be stricken to death in the bloody quagmire of a lost battle. Wipe your eyes. I solemnly promise that your grievous wrongs shall be amply avenged. I shall help the Pandavas in every way. You will become an empress. The heavens may fall, the Himalayas may split in twain, the earth may crumble or the boundless sea may dry up—but, I tell you verily, my words shall stand. swear this," and Krishna took a solemn vow before Draupadi. This vow, it will be seen, was in perfect accord with the purpose of the Lord's avatars, as declared in scriptures: "For protecting the righteous, for destroying the wicked and for firmly upholding the law, I am born on earth age after age." Dhrishtadyumna also consoled his sister and told her how nemesis would overtake the Kauravas. He said: "I will kill Drona. Shikhandi will cause Bhishma's fall. Bhima will take the lives of the wicked Duryodhana and his brothers. Arjuna will slay Karna, the charioteer's son."

Sri Krishna said: "When this calamity befell you, I was not in Dwaraka. Had I been there, I would never have allowed this fraudulent game of dice to take place. Uninvited, I would have gone there and stirred up Drona, Kripa and the other elders to a sense of duty. I would, at all costs, have prevented this destructive play of dice. When Sakuni was cheating you. I was fighting King Salva, who had **besieged** my city. It was only after I had defeated him that I came to know of the game of dice and the subsequent sordid story. It grieves me that I am not able to remove your sorrows immediately but you know, some water must be lost before a broken dam is restored."

1. Why was Krishna unable to prevent the destructive game of dice?
 - 1) Because he himself was fond of dicing
 - 2) Because he wanted the Pandavas to be robbed of their property.
 - 3) Because he hated Bhima, Draupadi's husband
 - 4) Because he was fighting king Salva, who had besieged his city, when she was being cheated by Sakuni

- 5) None of these
2. Why did the sons of Dhritarashtra insult Draupadi?
- 1) Because Draupadi had become their slave like her five husbands.
 - 2) Because Draupadi was of low birth and breeding and was merely a kept for them.
 - 3) Because she was an ally of Krishna, whom the sons of Dhritrashtra hated.
 - 4) Because Draupadi had abused Dhritarashtra.
 - 5) None of these
3. Why were Draupadi's husbands helpless to protect her from the insults of wicked sons of Dhritarashtra?
- 1) Because they were enjoying Draupadi being dragged into and insulted in the court.
 - 2) Because they were turned into slaves and had no right before their masters to interfere with them.
 - 3) Because Draupadi's husbands were disrobed of their clothes and were more concerned about hiding their nudity.
 - 4) Because the Pandavas had no weapons with them to protect Draupadi.
 - 5) None of these
4. What was Krishna's vow to Draupadi?
- 1) That he will punish the Pandavas for not protecting Draupadi.
 - 2) That he will kill Dhritarashtra for just sitting and watching the sorrows inflicted on Draupadi like a mute spectator.
 - 3) That he will help Pandavas to avenge the Kauravas.
 - 4) That he will destroy the whole Bharata race.
 - 5) All the above
5. Which of the following is not the purpose of avatars of Lord as declared in the scriptures?
- 1) To protect the righteous
 - 2) To uphold the law
 - 3) To curse the inflictors
 - 4) To destroy the wicked
 - 5) None of these

Directions (Q. 6-8): Choose the word/group of words which is MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the word/group of words printed in bold as used in the passage.

6. **Gloated**
 1) incited 2) choked 3) rejoiced 4) muffled 5) sympathised
7. **Accosted**
 1) addressed 2) attributed 3) conceded 4) ignored 5) scorned
8. **Tormented**
 1) agitated 2) exhausted 3) pleased 4) relieved 5) tortured

Directions (Q. 9-10): Choose the word/group of words which is MOST OPPOSITE in meaning of the word/group of words printed in bold as used in the passage.

9. Convulsed
1) disturbed 2) bothered 3) liked 4) pacified 5) praised

10. Besieged
1) captured 2) freed 3) attacked 4) acknowledged 5) plundered

Directions (Q. 11-15): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningful.

Bangalorean Clavin D'Souza, 22, is a **(11)** online poker fan. So much so that he gave up his job to take up a career in the game. His parents, of course, did not like the idea, but D'Souza went ahead with his decision. Though he started a bit slow and made very little money **(12)**, gradually he became an expert at the game. "The **(13)** has been great because I am my own boss. I set my goals and I am very **(14)** to achieve them. I love what I'm doing and it doesn't feel like a **(15)** job at all," said D'Souza, who now makes around ` 90,000 a month playing poker online.

11. 1) inflexible 2) conservative 3) bigot
4) diehard 5) dogmatic
12. 1) finally 2) initially 3) making
4) market 5) lending
13. 1) exercise 2) expense 3) experience
4) examination 5) job
14. 1) experienced 2) devoted 3) motivated
4) targeted 5) upset
15. 1) pleasant 2) enthusiastic 3) motivated
4) vigorous 5) jolly

Directions (16-20): In each question below, four words printed in bold type are given. These are numbered (1), (2), (3) and (4). One of these words printed in bold may either be wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word that is inappropriate or wrongly spelt, if any. The number of that word is your answer. If all the words printed in bold are correctly spelt and appropriate in the context of the sentence then mark (5) i.e. 'All Correct', as your answer

16. Anuska works with a **1)** / garment export house **2)** / and is thirty year old lady **3)** / with very attractive and gorgeuos personality. **4)** / No error **5)**.

17. The management might not be **1)** / successful in implementing changes **2)** / if the informed **3)** / organisation opposes them. **4)** / No error **5)**

18. The practise of telecasting **1)** / of vacant posts **2)** / over television is gaining **3)** / importance these days. **4)** / No error **5)**

19. By using external sources 1) / or recruitment, the management 2) / can be attracted 3) / qualified and trained people 4). No error 5)

20. The department of pharmaceuticals has told 1) / a group of ministers 2) / that competition does not 3) / necessarily lead to reduction in prices. 4) / No error 5)

Directions (Q. 21-25): Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

(A) It so happened that in 1977 it was able to collaborate with other political parties.

(B) Power was never its objective.

(C) Then, in 1998, they got power at the centre.

(D) The job of the Jan Sangh was to defend the RSS.

(E) They (Hindutva forces) started getting into power.

(F) When this happened their old leaders Vajpayee and Advani started to see RSS chiefs and leaders as their juniors.

21. Which of the following sentences will come 'FIRST' after rearrangement?

1) A 2) B 3) C 4) D 5) E

22. Which of the following sentences will come 'THIRD' after rearrangement?

1) A 2) B 3) C 4) E 5) F

23. Which of the following sentences will come 'SECOND' after rearrangement?

1) B 2) A 3) C 4) D 5) E

24. Which of the following sentences will come 'LAST' after rearrangement?

1) A 2) B 3) F 4) C 5) D

25. Which of the following sentences will come 'FOURTH' after rearrangement?

1) A 2) C 3) D 4) B 5) E

Directions (Q. 26-30) : Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is '5'. (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.)

26. Cleansing, toning 1) / and moisturiser 2) / are three steps to 3) / accentuate beauty. 4) / No error 5)

27. The principle of unity of 1) / command states that each 2) / participant should be received 3) / orders for only one superior. 4) / No error 5)

28. An important development 1) / in the second halves 2) / of the 19th century was 3) / the large-scale industries in India. 4) / No error 5)

29. Sylvia Plath gained 1) / a reputation of one 2) / of the most important American 3) / female poets 4) / No error 5)

30. A more serious criticism of English 1) / by whom attempting to master it 2) / is the chaotic character of our spelling and the frequent lack of 3) / correlation between spelling and pronunciation. 4) / No error 5)