

## Instructions

- Fifteen minutes is given as cool off time.
- Use cool off time to read the questions and plan your answers.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.
- Keep in mind the score and time while answering the questions.
- The maximum score for questions from 1 to 44 will be 80.

**Questions 1 – 7:** Read the excerpt from the story '*The Race*' and answer any **five** of the following questions. **(1x5 = 5)**

Tarun started practising zealously. Every day, he would get up at four in the morning and run up to ten miles. In the evenings, he would time himself according to the 1,000-metre distance prescribed by the competition. He wanted everything to be perfect. It was for the first time in his life that he was demanding such perfection in things he did, he thought. He also wanted someone to back him up and so he told everything to his mother.

Tarun practised vigorously for five days, and then promptly met Ram Narayan to collect his participation card. He gazed at the piece of paper on which his name had been printed boldly. It meant so much to him.

1. What did Tarun do every morning?
2. How did Tarun practise in the evening?
3. What was Tarun's new approach to doing things?
4. Why did he tell everything to his mother?
5. Who gave Tarun the participation card?
6. What made Tarun proud of himself?
7. Pick out the word which means 'with great enthusiasm and energy'.

**Questions 8 – 13:** Read the lines from the song '*Bang the Drum*' and answer any **four** of the questions that follow. **(1x4 = 4)**

*You and I*

*Together we reach for the sky*

*It's not about winning*

*It's all about playing the game*

*From the East*

*From the West*

*Each of us trying our best*

*Chasing a dream*

*Burning to follow the flame.*

8. Who is the 'You' referred to in the song?  
a) Singers    b) Drummers    c) Athletes    d) Listeners
9. What is more important in a game?
10. Which lines suggest that athletes from all over the world are participating in the games?
11. Pick out an instance of alliteration from the lines given.
12. How can we reach for the sky according to the singer?
13. The athletes are chasing a \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions 14 – 15.** Answer any **one** of the following questions.

**(5x1 = 5)**

14. Prepare an **appreciation** of the given lines from the poem '*Song of the Rain*' focusing on the theme and the poetic devices.

When I cry, the hills laugh;

When I humble myself, the flowers rejoice;

When I bow, all things are elated.

The field and the cloud are lovers

And between them I am a messenger of mercy.

I quench the thirst of one;

I cure the ailment of the other.

15. Prepare an **appreciation** of the given lines from the poem '*On Killing a tree*' focusing on the theme and the poetic devices.

It takes much time to kill a tree,

Not a simple jab of the knife

Will do it. It has grown

Slowly consuming the earth,

Rising out of it, feeding

Upon its crust, absorbing

Years of sunlight, air, water,

And out of its leprous hide

Sprouting leaves.

**Questions 16-22.** Read the passage and answer any **five** of the following questions.

(1x5 = 5)

There is a common belief that gibbons are monkeys, but they are actually a part of the ape family. The species consists of 24 types of gibbons including extinct ones. They are the inhabitants of South East Asia.

Gibbons can twist their wrist in 360 degrees with their ball and socket joint. This allows them to swing through trees swiftly and easily. Their body is usually black or grey with white markings on face, feet and hand. They show their emotions with their loud singing which can be heard for more than a kilometre. Most of the species of gibbons are considered endangered or critically endangered because of the increasing loss of thick forest which is their natural habitat.

16. What is the common belief people have about gibbons?
17. Where are gibbons naturally found?
18. What helps gibbons to swing through the trees easily?
19. How do gibbons show their emotion?
20. Identify the sentence which describes the bodily appearance of gibbon.
21. Why are gibbons becoming endangered?
22. Pick out the word from the passage which means 'quickly'.

**Questions 23 – 24.** Answer any **one** of the following questions.

(7X1 = 7)

23. *'Behind the success of every person, there will be an inspirer.'* Prepare a **write up** on this statement analysing the story 'The Race'.  
[a mediocre student – black sheep of the family – likes to become a runner – Ram Narayan realizes his talent – invites to the race – practises hard – falls in the track several times – offers free training]
24. *'Art has its value and influence in human life.'* The life of Johnsy and the sacrifice of Behrman proved it. Prepare a **narrative** of the events that led to Behrman's sacrifice.  
[spread of pneumonia – Johnsy very weak – loses her confidence – Sue takes care of her – doctor asks about her interests – counts down the ivy leaves – waits for her death – last leaf remains there – Behrman's death - Johnsy comes back to life – realizes that Behrman painted the leaf]

**Questions 25 – 29.** Answer any **three** of the following questions.

(6X3 = 18)

25. Even though Tarun thought of himself as the *'black sheep'* of the family, we know that he was talented and hard working. Attempt a **character sketch** of Tarun.

26. Prepare a short **profile** of Robert Lee Frost using the given data.
- Born : 26 March 1874, San Francisco
- Alma mater : Dartmouth College
- Famous as : Poet, playwright
- Major works : A Boy's Will, North of Boston, Home Burial, The Road Not Taken
- Awards : Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, Congressional Gold Medal
- Died : 29 January 1963, Boston
27. The landslide on Dharmagiri hills was a big disaster. It became the leading news in the dailies next day. Prepare the likely **newsreport**.
28. Mikali was very much relieved when he got help from the Chinaman. The words of the Chinaman consoled him a lot. Prepare the **conversation** between Mikali and the Chinaman. (six exchanges)
29. 'Education is not limited to books.' Substantiate this statement and write a **paragraph** on Gandhiji's vision of education in the light of your reading of 'Tolstoy Farm'.

**Questions 30 – 33.** Answer any **three** of the following questions. **(5X3 = 15)**

30. The Sports Club of your school is organising a meeting to congratulate Tarun. You are asked to deliver a speech on the occasion. Prepare the likely **speech**.
31. Sachin was excited after Achrekar sir agreed to let him join the camp. What would Sachin write in his diary on that day? Prepare the likely **diary** entry of Sachin.
32. Protection of environment is an urgent necessity. To create an awareness on this, the English Club of your school has decided to stage the drama 'Listen to the Mountain'. Prepare a **notice** informing the students about the same.
33. Juliane Koepcke had a miraculous escape from the plane crash. She wrote a letter to her friend explaining her experiences in the forest. Prepare the likely **letter**.

**Questions 34 – 39:** Read and analyse the following table and answer any **five** of the questions that follow. **(1x5=5)**

The table shows the Nobel Prize winners for peace from 2014 to 2017.

2014	Kailash Satyarthi (born 1954)	India
	Malala Yousafzai (born 1997)	Pakistan
2015	Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet (2013–2014)	Tunisia
2016	Juan Manuel Santos (born 1951)	Colombia
2017	International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (founded 2007)	Switzerland

34. Who is the youngest person among the Nobel Prize winners?
35. Name the organisation which won the Nobel Prize in 2015.
36. Which year did the organisation based in Switzerland get the prize?
37. Which country does Juan Manuel Santos belong to?
38. Who is the Indian among the winners?
39. International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons was founded in the year .....

Questions 40 – 44. Answer any four of the following questions. (4x4 = 16)

40. Complete the conversation.

- Johnsy : Excuse me! May I sit here?
- Sue : Of course! .....(a).....
- Johnsy : Thank you. All the tables seem to be engaged.
- Sue : This restaurant is busy throughout the day, .....(b).....?
- Johnsy : Yes. It's the cheapest and the best in town.
- Sue : .....(c).....?
- Johnsy : No. I'm not a tourist. I have come here to work and study.
- Sue : Oh! Good! So am I.
- Johnsy : Wonderful! If you don't mind, .....(d).....
- Sue : Sure. We will take a shared accommodation.

41. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the brackets.

{which, an, by, from, for}

Tarun was ... (a) ... excellent runner. He would run ... (b) ... hours to release his pent-up emotions. At times, he would miss his school bus and would then run to school, ..... (c) ..... was five miles away ..... (d) ..... home.

42. Edit the errors in the passage.

On Tolstoy Farm we make (a) it a rule that the youngsters should be not (b) asked to do what the teachers did not do. When they were asked to do any work, there were (c) always a teacher co-operating and actually work (d) with them.

43. Replace the underlined words with the appropriate phrasal verbs given in brackets.

(put across, made up his mind, give up, put up with, set out)

Ramanna could not tolerate (a) the idea of building a five star hotel in his calm and quiet village. He decided (b) to protest against the same. He conveyed (c) his concerns to Narayan, the school headmaster and sought his help. Both of them decided not to end (d) their struggle until the victory was theirs.

44. Pick out the noun phrase in the subject position from the following sentences.

- The little child was crying for milk.
- The child was condemned to die of hunger.
- The women gave vent to various cries of horror.
- A kind Chinese woman fed the baby.