



## ENGLISH

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#### Section A Reading

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The author uses the expression 'treads the fine line' to mean:

- A. to create a borderline.
- B. to strike a balance
- C. to discuss different options

D. to take the path of one's choice

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- B. conducive and congenial
- C. hostile and prejudiced
- D. organised and respectful

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Choose one of the following quotes that aptly conveys the main idea of the passage.

A. Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying. - Saint Vincent de Paul

B. Humility is royalty without a crown. - Spencer W. Kimball

C. There is no respect for others without humility in one's self. - Henri Frederic Amiel

D. True humility is staying teachable,  
regardless of how much you already  
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- A. nature is supreme
- B. nature is immortal
- C. we are just a drop in the ocean.
- D. man's life depends on nature.

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Choose the option that lists the ways to develop humility.

(i) knowing one's strength and weakness

(ii) to be aggressive and arrogant

(iii) to have low self-esteem

(iv) to be ready to learn

(v) to possess the quality of being human

A. (i), (ii) and (iii)

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What lacuna does the writer find in the structure of management lessons ?

A. Humility is not featured in the leadership qualities.

B. No stress is laid on giving respect to nature.

C. Learning is not prescribed as one of the key traits.

D. Achieving happiness is ignored.

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The author suggests to employ people who are humble because :

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B. they can be easily dominated.

C. they respect management and their leaders.

D. they facilitate creating conducive and congenial ambience

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Choose the option that reiterates the author's claim about a recent study.

- A. Humility enhances IQ
- B. Performance enhances IQ
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Gandhiji's view on humility is that:

A. humility is the fountainhead of other positive traits.

B. humility gives inner strength to one.

C. humility is synonymous with surrender.

D. humility is 'being spiritual.

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By describing power and money as 'trappings, the author tries to convey that

A. power and money make you influential.

B. power and money make one do something even against one's principle.

C. power and money reflect one's intrinsic values.

D. power and money hinder one's ability to remain grateful.

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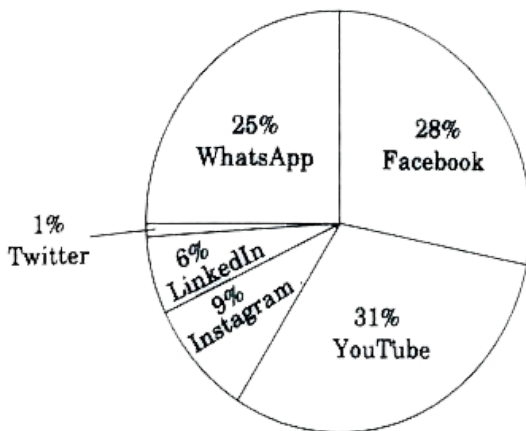
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**Number of users of social networking sites in India**



**Figure 1**

According to the author of the passage, the

outcome of the advent of smartphones in the market is that:

A. it marked the evolution of information technology.

B. the number of smartphone users exploded in the recent years.

C. it triggered an increase in the number of people suffering from Internet Addiction.

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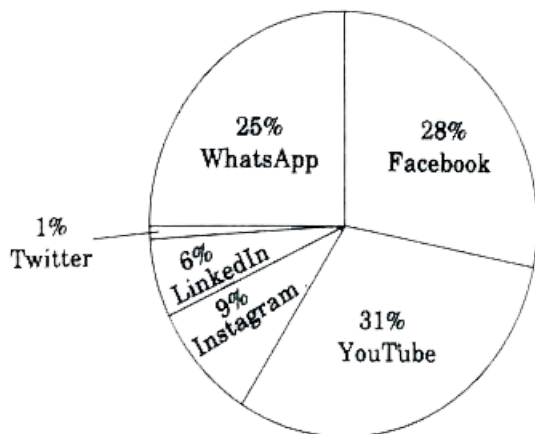
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B. The number of people reaping the benefits of the facility has increased.

C. AIIMS is one of the best health care facilities in India.

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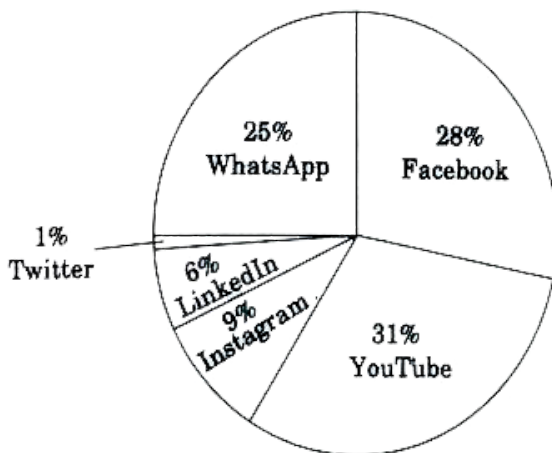
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**Figure 1**

As per Paragraph 1, Internet Addiction is in a way responsible for :

- A. promotion of smartphones.
- B. expansion of internet facilities.
- C. degeneration of social behaviour.
- D. increasing clinical attention.

**Answer:**



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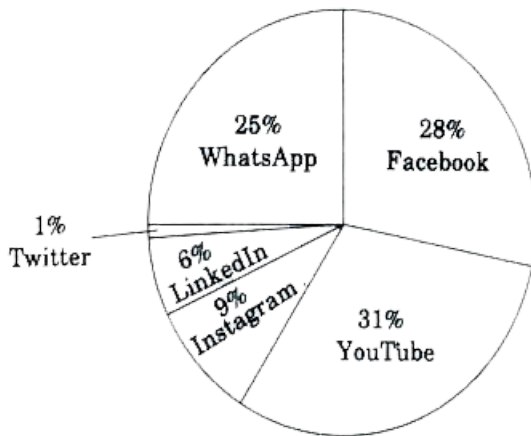
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**Figure 1**

The survey mentioned in paragraph 4 establishes the fact that :

A. Addiction is a major problem

B. The overuse of mobile phone is a major threat to the younger generation .

C. Males are more vulnerable to addiction than females.

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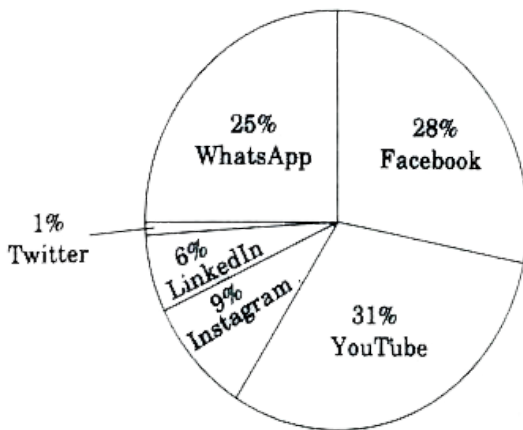
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**Figure 1**

The concluding paragraph conveys the message that

A. it requires will of the people to lead a healthy life.

B. technology should be used sparingly

C. Internet should be used by more females.

D. Internet and addiction are unavoidable.

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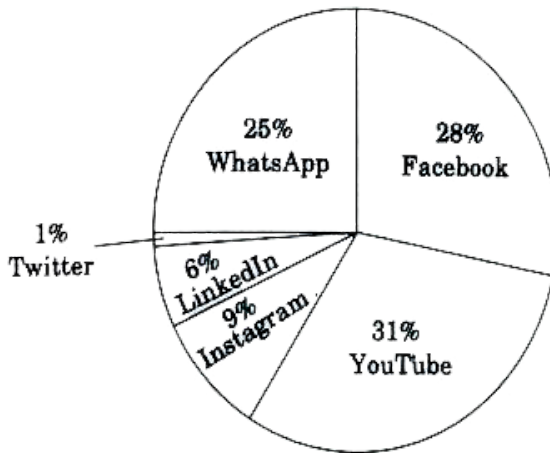


Figure 1

WHO in June 2018 classified gaming disorder as a mental health condition.

The above statement indicates that :

A. WHO is against the use of Internet.

B. gaming disorder is a recognised global health issue.

C. there is a need for ban on mobile games.

D. there is a need to dissuade people from  
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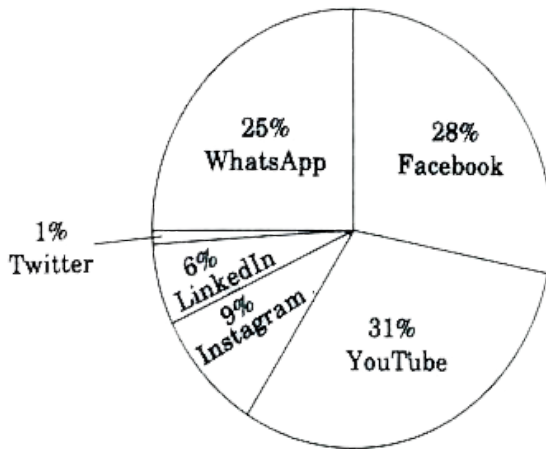


Figure 1

Select the option that holds true as per Figure 1:

- A. More than 50% of people are addicted to Facebook and YouTube
- B. Twitter is more popular than Instagram among people.

C. More than 40% of people have subscribed to Facebook.

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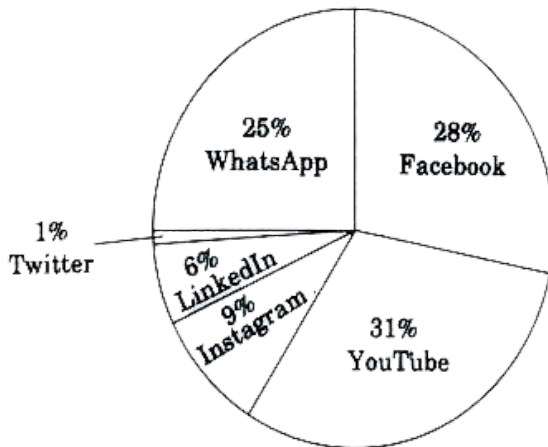
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**Figure 1**

The term maladaptive in paragraph 1 refers to:

- A. not adjusting adequately to situations
- B. not using Internet adequately
- C. long time use of Internet
- D. long-time distraction

**Answer:**



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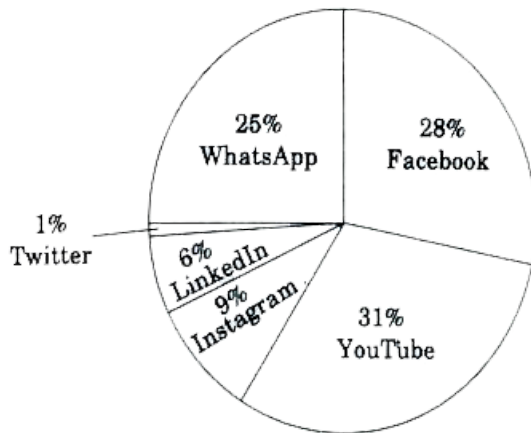


Figure 1

Read the following statements:

(i) Social networking sites and gaming applications are the root cause of Internet Addiction.

(ii) Internet Addiction can save people from many psychological problems.

A. Both (i) and (ii) are true

B. Both (i) and (ii) are false

C. (i) is false and (ii) is true

D. (i) is true and (ii) is false

**Answer:**



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## Section B Writing

1. Raghav's office needs a receptionist. He is manager of the organisation and is asked to

draft an advertisement to be published in a national daily. Choose the most appropriate title under which it will be published.

A. To Let

B. Situation Wanted

C. Situation Vacant

D. Accommodation Wanted

**Answer:**



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What are the personal details of the candidate that Raghav would ask for in his advertisement ?

A. personality, age, experience

B. age, qualification, experience

C. gender, address, experience

D. age, hobbies, qualification

**Answer:**



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**3.** Manohar is the Headboy of J.M. Modern School, Pune. He is asked to put up a notice informing students of Board classes about the enrichment classes to be conducted by the school.

Select the appropriate title for the notice.

A. Enrichment Classes.

B. Important Information for classes X and XII.

C. Enrichment classes for class X and XII students.

D. Classes for X and XII students.

**Answer:**



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4. Manohar is the Headboy of J.M. Modern School, Pune. He is asked to put up a notice informing students of Board classes about the enrichment classes to be conducted by the school.

Choose the option that lists the most accurate opening for this notice.

A. You are hereby informed.

B. Greetings to the students of classes X  
and XII.

C. I wish to inform the students of classes  
X and XII.

D. This is to inform the students of classes  
X and XII.

**Answer:**



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5. Edit Manohar is the Headboy of J.M. Modern School, Pune. He is asked to put up a notice informing students of Board classes about the

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Select the option with the information points that Manohar has to include in the content of the notice.

(i) Timing of the enrichment classes

(ii) Subjects

(iii) Time table for the classes

(iv) The need for enrichment classes

(v) Consent of the parents

(vi) Dress code

A. (i), (ii) , (iii) and (v)

B. (i), (ii), (v) and (vi)

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**Answer:**



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**6.** Vijay is a member of his school Eco Club. As part of Earth Day celebrations, he decides to contribute an article to the school magazine advocating the use of solar power as a step to

mitigate the energy crisis.

Select the option that lists an appropriate title for Vijay's article

- A. How to prevent energy crisis
- B. The best ways to use solar power
- C. Conservation of energy
- D. Solar Power- An excellent alternative energy resource.

**Answer:**



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7. Vijay is a member of his school Eco Club. As part of Earth Day celebrations, he decides to contribute an article to the school magazine advocating the use of solar power as a step to mitigate the energy crisis.

Which option would help Vijay with the appropriate organisation of relevant ideas for his article ?

A. Expressing concern over energy crisis-  
the need to switch over- benefits of solar

power -methods of saving energy -  
presenting a conclusive outlook.

B. Introduction to energy -resources- over  
consumption of energy by people-urging  
people to save energy -encourage use of  
renewable sources like the sun-  
presenting a conclusive outlook.

C. Man's dependence on energy resources-  
excessive use of energy by people-  
leading to crisis situation - the need to

switch over-benefits of solar power-  
presenting a conclusive outlook.

D. Why solar energy is an excellent  
alternative- free and good for  
environment- cheaper and pollution  
free- suggestion to install solar power-  
presenting a conclusive outlook.

**Answer:**



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**8.** Vijay is a member of his school Eco Club. As part of Earth Day celebrations, he decides to contribute an article to the school magazine advocating the use of solar power as a step to mitigate the energy crisis.

Read a sentence from the draft of Vijay's article and help him complete it by selecting the most appropriate option.

Solar power is the \_\_\_\_\_to a clean energy future. That's why we need to \_\_\_\_\_heavily in solar plants for a better future.

A. option, depend

B. reason, spend

C. key, invest

D. reason, install

**Answer:**



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**9.** Vijay is a member of his school Eco Club. As part of Earth Day celebrations, he decides to contribute an article to the school magazine

advocating the use of solar power as a step to mitigate the energy crisis.

Which quote should Vijay use to sum up the idea of his article ?

A. "Solar power, wind power, the way forward is to collaborate with nature- it's the only way we are going to get to the other end of the 21<sup>st</sup> century"- Bjork

B. "Solar power is the last energy resource that isn't owned yet-nobody taxes the sun yet."- Bonnie Raitt

C. "I have no doubt that we will be successful in harnessing the sun's energy".- George

D. "Solar energy is bound to be our future. There's a kind of inevitability about it"-  
Jim Inhofe

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A. Different types of Energy Resources

B. Exhaustible Sources vs Inexhaustible

Sources of Energy

C. Solar Energy- the need of the hour

D. Preserve Energy

**Answer:**



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Which suggestions, from those given below, would be appropriate for Vijay's article?

A. Excessive use of ACs/heaters to be avoided- higher rate of power recommended- advice to switch over to appliances using less energy-save resources for future generations.

B. Solar energy- a renewable energy resource- many benefits cleaner

atmosphere, less expenditure - logical conclusion.

C. Awareness of power crisis - rationing of power - increase in energy rates encourage use of renewable energy resources like the sun, wind etc.

D. Ways to protect our resources incentives to those who use less energy -use of solar energy preferred -how to install solar appliances.

**Answer:**



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Read the following options for the self-checklist for this article and select the option that includes the most appropriate self-

checklist for this article :

My Article contains

(i) address the audience - title

(ii) types of energy resources like coal, petroleum, sun etc.

(iii) their respective effects on the atmosphere

(iv) the best option

(v) conclusion

My Article contains

(2) (i) an eye-catching relevant title

(ii) the present crisis- its cause and effect on people/coming generations

(iii) how to avoid the crisis effectively-a

balanced viewpoint

(iv) an appropriate conclusion

(v) byline

(3) My Article contains

(i) address to the targeted audience

(ii) a thorough analysis of the topic

(iii) my personal views

(iv) views of prominent stakeholders

(v) appropriate summing up

(4) My Article contains

(i) relevant data and byline

(ii) a detailed argument for/against different  
resources

(iii) viewpoint of different stakeholders

(iv) personal views on the topic

(v) conclusion.

Choose the correct option :

A. Option (1)

B. Option (2)

C. Option (3)

D. Option (4)

**Answer:**



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## Section C Literature

1. The experience had a deep meaning for me, as only those who have known stark terror and conquered it can appreciate. In death there is peace. There is terror only in the fear of death, as Roosevelt knew when he said, "All we have to fear is fear itself." Because I had experienced both the sensation of dying and the terror that the fear of it can produce, the will to live somehow grew in intensity.

Choose the option that best explains the expression 'deep meaning in the extract.

A. The experience left a deep scar in the narrator's life.

B. The narrator drowned at the deep end of the pool.

C. The narrator learnt a life lesson through that experience.

D. The experience was still painful in the memory of the narrator.

**Answer:**



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Choose the correct option which refers to 'only those' as intended by the narrator.

A. Those who have the experience of drowning

B. Those who have learnt swimming in YMCA pool

C. Those who have experienced bullying

D. Those who have experienced and conquered fear

**Answer:**



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will to live somehow grew in intensity.

Of the four meanings of 'sensation' select the option that matches in meaning with its usage in the extract

- A. Physical response to a stimulus
- B. Something extraordinary or surprising
- C. Feeling of excitement
- D. Strong feeling of enthusiasm

**Answer:**



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What was the impact of the experience on the narrator's life?

A. It forced the narrator to live in constant fear of water.

B. It enhanced the narrator's survival instinct.

C. It restricted him from enjoying his life.

D. It made the narrator mature and philosophical in life.

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Roosevelt's opinion on fear is that:

A. one should be scared of fear.

B. fear is inevitable in life.

C. one should not let fear enter one's mind.

D. fear is an emotion of destruction.

**Answer:**



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6. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow "It takes longer to build a school," I say, embarrassed at having made a promise that was not meant. But

promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world.

After months of knowing him. I ask him his name, "Saheb-e-Alam," he announces. He does not know what it means. If he knew its meaning- lord of the universe- he would have a hard time believing it. Unaware of what his name represents, he roams the streets with his friends, an army of barefoot boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon. Over the months, I have come to recognise each of them.

Select the option that explains the

appropriate reason for the narrator's embarrassment.

A. She was not able to build the school in time.

B. She does not know the name of the boys.

C. She is guilty of giving a false hope to the boy

D. She is not aware of his bleak world.

**Answer:**



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Of the four meanings of 'embarrassed' select the option that matches in meaning with its usage in the extract.

A. Concerned

B. Uncomfortable

C. Sorry

D. Sympathetic

**Answer:**



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After months of knowing him. I ask him his name, "Saheb-e-Alam," he announces. He does not know what it means. If he knew its meaning- lord of the universe- he would have a hard time believing it. Unaware of what his name represents, he roams the streets with his friends, an army of barefoot boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon. Over the months, I have come to recognise each of them.

What does the author mean by 'his bleak world'?

- A. The world of children
- B. His aspirations for future
- C. Life with no hope for the future
- D. His dark world

**Answer:**



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What view does the author express on the fact that 'Saheb-e-Alam' means lord of the universe? The 'author

- A. finds the name most suitable for the boy.
- B. expresses her joy over the name.
- C. is unable to believe the name.
- D. finds the name ironical.

**Answer:**



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his friends, an army of barefoot boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon. Over the months, I have come to recognise each of them.

Select the option that describes the literary device used in the expression 'an army of barefoot boys who appear like morning birds' .

A. Metaphor

B. Simile

C. Hyperbole

D. Alliteration

**Answer:**



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**11.** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

I saw my mother beside me

doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that

of a corpse and realised with pain

that she was as old as she looked but soon

put that thought away, and looked out at

Young

Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling out of their homes.

Which amongst the following option has used same poetic device in its underlined phrase as used in the expression 'ashen like that of a corpse' ?

A. He was a lion in the battle.

B. The flood swallowed more than a dozen villages.

C. He walked as slow as a snail.

D. The tree blocks the free flow of water.

**Answer:**



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Choose the correct option that best explains the reason for the poet to put that thought away.

A. The mother's face was pale and ugly

B. It was unbearable for her to see her mother sleeping.

C. She was troubled by the thought of her mother's perpetual state of exhaustion.

D. She was deeply pained by the thought of the mother's imminent death.

**Answer:**



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What do the expressions 'doze' 'open  
mouthed' describe about the poet's mother?

A. She is sleeping and relaxing.

B. She is aged and exhausted.

C. She is tired of travelling.

D. She is not in a mood to talk to her daughter.

**Answer:**



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What mood does the expression 'merry  
children spilling' bring in ?

A. Happiness and enthusiasm

B. Innocence and playfulness

C. Laziness

D. Joy

**Answer:**



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Select the correct option to fill in the blank.

The poet uses the image of sprinting trees to  
emphasize \_\_\_\_\_ to the ageing mother.

A. comparison

B. difference

C. contrast

D. similiarity

**Answer:**



**16.** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Sadao knew that his education was his father's chief concern. For this reason he had been sent at twenty-two to America to learn all that could be learned of surgery and medicine. He had come back at thirty, and before his father died he had seen Sadao become famous not only as a surgeon but as a scientist. Because he was perfecting a discovery which would

render wounds entirely clean, he had not been sent abroad with the troops. Also, he knew, there was some slight danger that the old General might need an operation for a condition for which he was now being treated medically, and for this possibility Sadao was being kept in Japan.

Choose the option that best defines the role of Sadao's father in his life

A. He was very concerned about his education.

B. He sent Sadao to America to learn medicine and surgery

C. He made Dr. Sadao famous before his death.

D. He motivated Sadao to become a scientist.

**Answer:**



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there was some slight danger that the old General might need an operation for a condition for which he was now being treated medically, and for this possibility Sadao was being kept in Japan.

For how many years did Sadao study in America ?

A. 5 years

B. 7 years

C. 9 years

D. 8 years

**Answer:**



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Dr. Sadao was not sent abroad with the troops because he was\_\_\_\_\_.

A. a scientist

B. working on a discovery

C. a doctor not a soldier

D. studying in America

**Answer:**



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Choose the correct option that best describes Sadao as a perfect son.

A. Sadao went to America as desired by his father.

B. Sadao returned to Japan before his father's death

C. Sadao gained fame as a doctor as well as scientist while his father was alive.

D. Sadao stayed with his father and did not go abroad with the troops.

**Answer:**



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Select the best option which you consider as the most influential factor in Sadao's life.

A. The years he spent in America

B. The General whom he was treating

C. The war between America and Japan

D. His father's support and motivation

**Answer:**



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21. In 'Keeping Quiet' through the expression 'Fishermen in the cold sea would not harm whales' Pablo Neruda expresses his concern for

- A. cruelty to animals
- B. the plight of fishermen.
- C. food scarcity
- D. environmental destruction.

**Answer:**



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**22.** When Saheb said. "There is no school in my neighborhood," it reflects the:

- A. sympathy of the narrator
- B. apathy of the Government
- C. empathy of the reader
- D. bitterness of the speaker

**Answer:**



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**23.** Charlie wanted to travel to Galesburg as it was known for its

A. huge lawns and big trees.

B. peaceful and leisurely life.

C. big spacious old houses.

D. green environment and broad streets.

**Answer:**



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**24.** By the phrase, 'familiar ache', Kamala Das refers to

A. pain of separation

B. pain of ageing.

C. pain of illness

D. pain of travelling.

**Answer:**



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**25.** What was Hamel worried about when he said, 'She puts off learning till tomorrow' ?

A. He was concerned about the slavery of the French people.

B. He was worried about the illiteracy of people of Alsace.

C. He was worried that it was the last day of his French lesson.

D. He was concerned about the tendency of Alsace people to postpone things.

**Answer:**



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**26.** Why does Stephen Spender call map a bad example ?

- A. Because it was a open handed map.
- B. The map did not match sour cream walls.
- C. The map would tempt them to steal.
- D. Because the children could not read maps.

**Answer:**





27. "My three hundred dollars bought less than two hundred in old styled bills, but I did not care." Why was Charlie not worried about getting less money ?

A. Because he wanted old currency to reach Galesburg.

B. Because his hobby was to collect old currency.

C. Because he was doing it secretly without his wife's knowledge.

D. Because the cost of living was lower at the third level.

**Answer:**



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**28.** Dr. Sadao's thought, "But certainly I do not want this man to live." In the light of Sadao's situation, the above statement is :

A. humorous

B. ironical

C. serious

D. critical

**Answer:**



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**29.** The phrase "lead sky" in the poem 'An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum' refers to:

A. pollution in the air.

B. the dark clouds.

C. their gloomy future.

D. the smoke.

**Answer:**



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**30.** YMCA pool revived Douglas' unpleasant memories, 'Unpleasant memories' refer to his:

A. incident at the beach in California.

B. near drowning in the YMCA pool.

C. bullying by the big bruiser.

D. stories heard about Yakima river.

**Answer:**



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