

ENGLISH



QUESTION PAPER 2022

Time: 40 Minutes Total Marks: 200

Important Instructions:

- 1. This Test contains 50 items (questions). Each item comprises four responses (answers). You will select the response which you want to mark on the Answer Sheet. In case, you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose **ONLY ONE** response for each item.
- **2.** You have to mark all your responses **ONLY** on the separate Answer Sheet provided.
- **3. All** *items carry equal marks*.
- 4. Before you proceed to mark in the Answer Sheet the response to various items in the Test Booklet, you have to fill in some particulars in the Answer Sheet as per instructions.
- **5.** *Penalty for wrong answers:*

THERE WILL BE PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE IN THE OBJECTIVE TYPE **QUESTION PAPERS.**

- (i) There are four alternatives for the answer to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, one third of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
- (ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above to that question.
- (iii) If a question is left blank, i.e., no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.

Spotting Errors

Directions (Q. 1-10): Each item in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to determine whether there is any error in any underlined part and indicate your response in the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter, i.e., (a) or (b) or (c). If you find no error, your response should be indicated as (d).

	` '				
	A company of five thousand soldiers,				
	(a)				
	having marched tirelessly for over five days				
(b)					
	have just moved into their cantonment.				
	(c)				
	No error				
	(d)				
•	Every person who believes in principles				

2 (a)

must stand up to fight (b)

for their convictions. No error (c) (d)

3. The Olympic Games reflects (a) the highest spirit of human endeavour and achievement. (c) No error (d)

4. The principal of the school stressed the need for discipline (b) amongst the students. No error (c) **5.** Failure is the stepping stone to success;

(a) however, successive failures are not (b) successive stepping stones to success. No error

6. India's strengths are its diversity of culture and (b) the spirit of tolerance in it's people. No error (c) (d)

7. Once considered ninth planet of the solar system, (a)

Pluto is today listed as the

(b)

largest dwarf planet of the solar system. No error (c)

8. The greatest glory in life

(a)

is to be able to realize ones dreams and ambitions (b)

without trampling on those of others. No error (d)

9. To be able to manage one's

(a)

anger is a reflection of an individual's

(b)

psychological maturity. No error

(c)

(d)

10. A honest mistake is no more than that;

(a)

just an honest mistake. No error (d) (c)

Idioms and phrases

Directions (Q. 11-20): Given below are some idioms/phrases followed by four alternative meanings to each. Choose the most appropriate answer from among the options (a), (b), (c) and (d).

- **11.** Counting your chickens
 - (a) Confident of success
 - (b) Greedily accumulating wealth
 - (c) Being careful about spending money
 - (d) Getting scared because of danger
- **12.** The icing on the cake
 - (a) Baked food that is delicate and delicious with a topping
 - **(b)** Extra benefit over and above an already good deal
 - (c) Getting what you asked for
 - (d) More than what is needed
- 13. A stitch in time saves nine
 - (a) Tailoring one's efforts efficiently
 - (b) Making an effort to succeed
 - (c) Inability to take timely decision
 - (d) Timely action that prevents a negative outcome

- **14.** At sixes and sevens
 - (a) On top of the situation
 - **(b)** State of denial
 - (c) State of total confusion
 - (d) Well-planned and prepared
- 15. Talking twenty to the dozen
 - (a) Talking hurriedly and rapidly
 - (b) Talking too much
 - (c) Talking without making sense
 - (d) Talking out of turn
- **16.** Under the weather
 - (a) Walking in the rain
 - **(b)** Controlled by the elements
 - (c) Browbeaten by the heat
 - (d) Unwell
- 17. To sit on the fence
 - (a) To act promptly
 - (b) To be lazy
 - (c) To be undecided
 - (d) To sit without doing anything
- **18.** Once in a blue moon
 - (a) Romantic moment
 - **(b)** Occasionally
 - (c) Rarely
 - (d) Often
- 19. Through thick and thin
 - (a) In genuine friendship
 - **(b)** Through the best of everything
 - (c) Among people both fat and slim
 - (d) Through difficult times
- **20.** Like chalk and cheese
 - (a) Very different from each other
 - **(b)** Without any blemish
 - (c) Pure white in colour
 - (d) Very like each other

Ordering of Words in a Sentence

Directions (Q. 21-30): Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence, the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been labelled P, Q, R and S. Given below each sentence are four sequences namely (a), (b), (c) and (d). You are required to rearrange the jumbled parts of the sentence and mark your response accordingly.

21.	but perhaps the best wa	ay is to agree	25.	with the aplomb	of a stage artist	
	P	<u> </u>		Р		<u>′</u>
	there are many ways of	dealing		that they are not	men of straw	
	O	deamig		O	inen of straw	
	with them without excessive argumentation			they can twist and	d shake their w	obbly heads
	R				R	
	with intransigent custo	mers		mesmerizing the		elieving
	S	<u> </u>		mesmerizing the	S	<u> </u>
	The correct sequence sl	ould be		The correct sequence should be		
	(a) QPRS	(b) QSPR		(a) PRQS	(b) RPS(
	(c) PSQR	(d) RSQP		(c) SPQR	(d) QRP	
22	• •	(u) 1.0 Q1	26	of its rain-soaked		
<i>4</i> 2.	in the years following		20.	P	verdure	
	T 1: 1: 1 11:	. 1 1		-	·1	
		e economic development		and on the other	tnere are	
		Q 1001		Q		
	liberalization in the year	<u>r 1991</u>		on the one hand t		nense beauty
	R				R	
	the landmark reforms i	naugurated via		the artifacts of its		<u>nity</u>
	S			S		
	The correct sequence sl			The correct seque		
	(a) PQRS	(b) PRSQ		(a) PRQS	(b) QRSI	
	(c) SPRQ	(d) QPSR		(c) SPQR	(d) RPQ	
23.	was the victory secured		27.	are often rooted to		
	the women's hockey te	<u> </u>		P	Q	R
	-	1		in the inequalities		ms —
	in the arena of sport, pe	ernaps		5		
	Q	T. 1 O1 :		The correct seque		-
	against Australia in the	Tokyo Olympics		(a) QRPS	(b) QRSI	
	R			(c) SRQP	(d) SRPQ	
	the greatest moment in 1		28.	a person by the w		<u>and</u>
	S			P	Q	
	The correct sequence sh			you must judge i	not by the way	he looks
	(a) SPQR	(b) RPQS		R	S	
•	(c) QSPR	(d) QRPS		The correct seque		
24.	in terms of GDP and G	NP,		(a) RPQS	(b) QRSI	
	P		••	(c) RSQP	(d) QPSI	
	for gauging the success	of a nation	29.	to the greatest nu	mber of people	2
	Which are the two major determinants R economic progress is determined			P		
				that causes the least discomfort		
				Q		
				whenever in doul		
	S			R	5	5
	The correct sequence should be			The correct seque		-
	(a) SQRP	(b) RPQS		(a) RQPS	(b) QRSI	
	(c) SPRQ	(d) QRPS		(c) RSQP	(d) QPSI	₹

30. brought by bad times against the despondency

 $\frac{p}{\text{our greatest defence}} \frac{Q}{R}$ $\frac{\text{faith and belief are}}{S}$

The correct sequence should be

- (a) RQPS
- (b) SRQP
- (c) RSQP
- (d) QPRS

Antonyms

Directions: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words (a), (b), (c) and (d). Select the option that is opposite in meaning to the underlined word and mark your response in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

- **31.** He is essentially a crude person.
 - (a) coarse
- (b) refined
- (c) eager
- (d) balanced
- **32.** His confidence is high.
 - (a) diffidence
- (b) eagerness
- (c) steadfastness
- (d) endurance
- **33.** His integrity is noticed.
 - (a) skilfulness
- (b) ability
- (c) dependability
- (d) dishonesty
- **34.** She is a benevolent individual.
 - (a) clever
- (b) muddled
- (c) malevolent
- (d) ambivalent
- 35. His sartorial manner is judged.
 - (a) unstylish
- (b) uncompromising
- (c) common
- (d) crude
- **36.** This piece of art is authentic.
 - (a) genuine
- **(b)** expensive
- (c) rare
- (d) fake
- **37.** The deluge affected the population.
 - (a) cloudburst
- **(b)** drought
- (c) deforestation
- (d) drizzle
- 38. His dedication is known to all.
 - (a) clarity
- **(b)** hostility
- (c) apathy
- (d) anger
- **39.** His perspicacity was remarkable.
 - (a) smartness
- **(b)** dullness
- (c) dedication
- (d) deviousness

- **40.** He has a penchant for spicy food.
 - (a) tendency
- (b) affinity
- (c) fear
- (d) dislike

Synonyms

Directions (Q. 41-50): Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words (a), (b), (c) and (d). Select the option that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word and mark your response in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

- **41.** After a good meal, it is important to pay a compliment to the chef.
 - (a) tip
- (b) praise
- (c) admonish
- (d) revile
- 42. His work is laudable.
 - (a) praiseworthy
- (b) laughable
- (c) bold
- (d) loud
- **43.** Raj is a competent carpenter.
 - (a) capable
- **(b)** exceptional
- (c) inadept
- (d) clumsy
- **44.** He is diligent in submitting assignments.
 - (a) dilly-dallying
- (b) procrastinating
- (c) intelligent
- (d) conscientious
- **45.** He appears to be reticent.
 - (a) expansive
- (b) jolly
- (c) silent
- (d) withdrawn
- **46.** He is always jovial.
 - (a) cheerful
- (b) callous
- (c) garrulous
- (d) credulous
- 47. Mohan remains morose these days.
 - (a) introspective
- (b) generous
- (c) chirpy
- (d) sullen
- **48.** He was a reluctant learner.
 - (a) enthusiastic
- (b) eager
- (c) unwilling
- (d) fearful
- **49.** Amit is <u>optimistic</u> about the prospects of his investments.
 - (a) pessimistic
- (b) uncaring
- (c) carefree
- (d) sanguine
- **50.** Sachin is very cooperative by nature.
 - (a) complaisant
- (b) covert
- (c) complacent
- (d) conniving

Answers

Q No	Answer Key	Topic Name	Chapter Name
1	(c)	Subject-verb Agreement	Spotting Errors
2	(c)	Pronouns	Spotting Errors
3	(a)	Subject-verb Agreement	Spotting Errors
4	(d)	No Correction	Spotting Errors
5	(d)	No Correction	Spotting Errors
6	(c)	Pronouns	Spotting Errors
7	(a)	Articles	Spotting Errors
8	(b)	Pronouns	Spotting Errors
9	(b)	Articles	Spotting Errors
10	(a)	Articles	Idioms & Phrases
11	(c)	Idioms & Phrases	Idioms & Phrases
12	(b)	Idioms & Phrases	Idioms & Phrases
13	(d)	Idioms & Phrases	Idioms & Phrases
14	(c)	Idioms & Phrases	Idioms & Phrases
15	(a)	Idioms & Phrases	Idioms & Phrases
16	(d)	Idioms & Phrases	Idioms & Phrases
17	(c)	Idioms & Phrases	Idioms & Phrases
18	(c)	Idioms & Phrases	Idioms & Phrases
19	(d)	Idioms & Phrases	Idioms & Phrases
20	(a)	Ordering of Words in a Sentence	Para Jumbles
21	(b)	Ordering of Words in a Sentence	Para Jumbles
22	(d)	Ordering of Words in a Sentence	Para Jumbles
23	(c)	Ordering of Words in a Sentence	Para Jumbles
24	(c)	Ordering of Words in a Sentence	Para Jumbles
25	(b)	Ordering of Words in a Sentence	Para Jumbles
26	(d)	Ordering of Words in a Sentence	Para Jumbles
27	(a)	Ordering of Words in a Sentence	Para Jumbles
28	(a)	Ordering of Words in a Sentence	Para Jumbles
29	(c)	Ordering of Words in a Sentence	Para Jumbles
30	(b)	Ordering of Words in a Sentence	Para Jumbles
31	(b)	Antonyms	Antonyms
32	(a)	Antonyms	Antonyms
33	(d)	Antonyms	Antonyms
34	(c)	Antonyms	Antonyms
35	(a)	Antonyms	Antonyms
36	(d)	Antonyms	Antonyms
37	(b)	Antonyms	Antonyms
38	(c)	Antonyms	Antonyms
39	(b)	Antonyms	Antonyms
40	(d)	Antonyms	Antonyms

Q No	Answer Key	Topic Name	Chapter Name
41	(b)	Synonyms	Synonyms
42	(a)	Synonyms	Synonyms
43	(a)	Synonyms	Synonyms
44	(d)	Synonyms	Synonyms
45	(c)	Synonyms	Synonyms
46	(a)	Synonyms	Synonyms
47	(d)	Synonyms	Synonyms
48	(c)	Synonyms	Synonyms
49	(d)	Synonyms	Synonyms
50	(c)	Synonyms	Synonyms

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ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATIONS

1. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

The sentence has an error of subject-verb agreement. As per the subject-verb agreement, a singular subject must be followed by a singular verb and a plural subject must agree with a plural verb. In this sentence, the subject is 'company', which is singular, hence, it should be followed by a singular verb *i.e.* 'has'. This sentence also has an error of pronoun agreement. A pronoun must agree with its antecedent in number, gender and usage. In the given sentence, the pronoun 'their' has been used for the subject 'company' which is incorrect. 'Company' is a singular subject, thus, 'its' should be used here in place of 'their'.

2. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

The sentence has an error of pronoun. As per pronoun agreement, a pronoun must agree with its antecedent in number, gender and usage. Indefinite pronouns like someone, somebody, anyone, anybody, each, every, many a, either, and neither are considered as singular subjects and are followed by a singular verb and a singular pronoun. In the given sentence, the pronoun 'their' has a singular antecedent 'every person', which makes it an incorrect pronoun to be used here. Here, 'his/ her' should replace 'their'.

3. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation:

The sentence has an error of subject-verb agreement. As per the subject-verb agreement, a singular subject must be followed by a singular verb and a plural subject must agree with a plural verb. In this sentence, the subject is 'Olympic games', which is plural, hence, it should be followed by a plural verb 'reflect'.

4. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation:

The sentence is grammatically correct and needs no improvement.

5. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation:

The sentence is grammatically correct.

6. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

The sentence has an error of pronoun usage. In part (c) 'it's' has been used in place of 'its'. 'It's' is the short form of 'it is' and should not be used as a pronoun.

7. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation:

Ordinal numbers (first, second, third etc.) are preceded by an article 'the', which is missing in the given sentence.

8. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation:

The sentence has an error of pronoun usage. In part (b) before 'dreams' a possessive pronoun is required. In the sentence 'ones' has been used, whereas 'one's' is used when referring to something belonging to oneself.

9. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation:

The definite article 'the' should be used in place of 'a' before the word 'reflection'.

10. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation:

There is an error of the usage of an article in the given sentence. Before vowel sounds the article 'an' is used and before consonant sounds 'a' is used. In the sentence, the word 'honest' is preceded by 'a', which is wrong. Since in 'honest' 'h' is silent and the pronunciation starts with 'o', the word should be preceded by 'an'.

11. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

The idiom 'counting your chickens' means 'to make plans based on future events that might not happen'. It translates to be overly optimistic about success. It is often used in negative connotation.

12. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation:

'Icing on the cake' refers to something that makes a good situation even better. e.g., Not only was I offered a higher salary, but the additional bonus I got was the icing on the cake.

13. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation:

'A stitch in time saves nine', means 'an action taken now will prevent problems later.' e.g., You should consider getting your car repaired now before you're left stranded on the side of the road—a stitch in time saves nine.

14. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

'At sixes and sevens' means 'in a state of total confusion or disarray.' e.g., After caring for three sick kids all week, I'm totally at sixes and sevens.

15. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation:

'Talking twenty to the dozen' means 'to talk (to someone) very rapidly, hurriedly, and/or energetically'. e.g., My aunt can get talking twenty to the dozen if you get her on a topic she's passionate about.

16. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation:

'Under the weather' means 'not in a good health'. e.g., I've had a sore throat all week, now it's turned to a cold. I'm feeling right under the weather.

17. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

'To sit on the fence' means 'to be undecided or uncommitted'. e.g., He's not afraid of making decisions and is a man who never sits on the fence.

18. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

'Once in a blue moon' is a very common idiom. It means very rarely, once in a very long time'. e.g., Meeting the viceroy was a once in a blue moon chance.

19. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation:

'Through thick and thin' is an idiom, which means 'under all circumstances, no matter how difficult it is.' e.g., 'They stuck together through thick and thin.'

20. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation:

'Like chalk and cheese' means 'very different from each other'. e.g., My daughters are chalk and cheese these days—one loves baseball and the other loves ballet.

21. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation:

The subject has been introduced in 'Q' part. So, the sentence must start with 'Q'. There are only two options starting with 'Q', options (a) and (b). So options (c) and (d) can be eliminated. Out of the two options (b) is the correct answer because here, S continues the idea introduced in Q. When we use deal for a person it is 'deal with someone' and when we use for things it is 'deal in something.' So, the correct sequence would be QSPR.

22. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation:

In the given question there is an apparent pair 'SR'. 'S' will be followed by 'R' because 'S' ends with 'via' and 'R' continues it by telling 'via what'. This pair is present in only one option, which is option (d). Moreover, part 'Q' introduces the subject of the sentence and should be placed at the starting. So, the correct sequence should be QPSR.

23. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

24. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

In the given question 'PR' is a mandatory pair. Because in 'P' GDP and GNP have been mentioned and R defines it by saying 'which are two major determinants'. The subject has been mentioned in part 'S'. So, the sentence should start with 'S'. Both options (a) and (c) start with 'S'. But only option (c) has the mandatory pair PR in it which makes it the correct answer. Thus, the correct sequence would be SPRQ.

25. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation:

The subject has been mentioned in R, i.e. 'they'. Thus, R will begin the sequence. Out of all the given options, only option (b) begins with R making it the correct answer. Thus, the correct sequence would be RPSQ.

Let us analyse the correct sequence.

R will be followed by P which adds to the quality of 'they' mentioned in R. S and Q will form a pair as the word 'believing' in S will be followed by 'that' in Q.

26. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation:

The sentence draws contrast between two visuals by using 'on the one hand and on the other hand'. So, in the sequence 'on the one hand' will come first, which is in part Q. There is only one option starting with Q. Thus, the correct sequence would be RPQS.

27. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation:

The subject of the sentence is introduced in part Q, so options (c) and (d) can be eliminated. QR form a mandatory pair. Also, P will be followed by S making PS a mandatory pair. Thus, the correct sequence would be QRPS.

28. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation:

The sentence has a mandatory pair 'QS'. The subject of the sentence has been mentioned in 'R', which suggests 'you judge' and the idea is carried forward in 'P' by telling 'how to judge'. So, the correct sequence would be RPQS.

29. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

The sentence starts with a suggestion that whenever in doubt what one should opt for. So, the sentence should start with 'RS' and should be followed by Q. It also has a mandatory pair 'QP', because P gives answer to the question that to whom does the option causes discomfort to. So, the correct sequence would be RSQP.

30. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation:

The subjects in the given sentence are 'faith and belief', which has been mentioned in part S. Thus, S will begin the sequence. Out of all the given options, only option (b) begins with S making it the correct answer.

Let us analyse the correct sequence.

S will be followed by R as it continues to acknowledge 'faith' and 'belief' as our greatest defence. R will be followed by Q which mentions the reason for the requirement of these defences. And, finally, P will close the sequence.

31. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'crude', which means 'raw, coarse'. The opposite of 'crude' is 'refined'. 'Eager' means 'to be curious' and 'balanced' means 'to be in good proportions'.

32. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'confidence', which refers to 'the quality of being certain about your ability'. The opposite to it is 'diffidence', which means to be 'shy about your ability'. 'Eagerness' refers to the quality of being curious, 'endurance' refers to the ability to do something for a long period of time and 'steadfastness' refers to the quality of being resolutely firm about something.

33. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'integrity', which means 'the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.' The opposite to it is 'dishonesty'. 'Skilfulness' means to possess

certain skill, 'ability' means to have a skill and 'dependability' refers to the quality of being trustworthy and reliable.

34. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'benevolent', which means 'the quality of being generous.' The opposite word to it is 'malevolent' which means to wish harm on other's. 'Clever' means to have a great presence of mind, 'muddled' means to be confused and 'ambivalent' means to have mixed feeling about something.

35. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'sartorial', which means 'relating to tailoring, clothes, or style of dress.' The opposite word of it is 'unstylish.' 'Uncompromising' means 'to be relentless'. 'Common' and 'crude' are the synonyms of 'sartorial'.

36. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'authentic', which means 'genuine.' The opposite of it is 'not authentic or fake.' 'Genuine' means 'original', 'expensive' means 'to cost a large amount' and 'rare' refers 'to something that cannot be found easily'.

37. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'deluge', which means 'flood, or torrent.' The opposite of it is 'drought'. 'Cloudburst' refers to a sudden heavy rainfall, 'deforestation' refers to excessive cutting of trees and 'drizzle' refers to light rainfall.

38. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'dedication', which means 'devotion, commitment.' The opposite of it is 'apathy' which means 'lack of interest'. 'Clarity' means 'to be free from any confusion', 'hostility' refers to 'unfriendliness' and 'anger' refers to 'a strong feeling of annoyance'.

39. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'perspicacity', which means 'acuity, clear-sightedness.' The opposite of it is 'dullness' which means 'lack of interest or excitement'. 'Smartness' and 'dullness' are the

synonyms of the given word. 'Deviousness' which means 'to be dishonest and sneaky' is not related to 'perspicacity'.

40. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'penchant', which means 'strong inclination, or liking towards something or someone'. The opposite of it is 'dislike'. 'Tendency' refers to the inclination towards a particular behaviour or characteristics, 'affinity' refers to the natural liking for someone or something and 'fear' means to be afraid of something or someone.

41. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation:

'Compliment' means to give positive reviews about something or someone. 'Praise' means to show approval of something. Thus, 'praise' is the synonym of 'compliment'. 'Tip' means to give money to someone for a service, 'admonish' means to warn someone firmly and 'revile' means to criticise someone in an insulting manner.

42. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation:

The given sentence states someone's work is laudable, which means it is praiseworthy. 'Laughable' means 'amusing or ridiculous', 'bold' means confident or courageous and 'loud' means 'noisy'.

43. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation:

The given sentence says Raj is competent, which means capable. 'Clumsy' and 'inadept' are antonyms of 'competent'. 'Exceptional' means unusual or exceptional which is not related to 'competent'.

44. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation:

In the given context 'diligent' means 'hardworking and sincere'. Its close meaning is 'conscientious'. 'Dilly dallying' and 'procrastinating' are its antonyms.

45. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'reticent', which means 'one who speaks less.' 'Silent' refers to 'someone who does not speak at all', 'expansive' means

'covering a wide area in terms of space or scope', 'jolly' means to 'be happy' and 'withdrawn' means 'to not want to communicate with others'. Thus, based on the meaning, 'withdrawn' is the synonym of 'reticent'.

46. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'jovial', which means 'happy, cheerful.' 'Callous' means 'hard hearted, showing no emotions'. 'Garrulous' is 'talkative'. And 'credulous' is 'gullible or ready to believe easily'. Thus, based on the meanings of the given words, 'cheerful' is the synonym of 'jovial'.

47. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'morose', which means 'sad or sullen.' 'Introspective' means 'to think about one's own actions', 'generous' means 'to be willing to help others', and 'chirpy' means 'to be extremely happy and cheerful'.

48. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'reluctant', which means 'not willing.' 'Enthusiastic' means to show interest

in something, 'eager' means to be ready to do anything, 'unwilling' means to not want to do anything and 'fearful' means to cause fear. Based on the meanings, it can be concluded that 'unwilling' is the synonym of 'reluctant'.

49. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'optimistic', which means 'hopeful about future, sanguine.' Pessimistic' which means 'to always think negative' is the antonym of the given word. 'Uncaring' means 'to not care about something', 'carefree' means to be free from any type of worries and 'sanguine' means 'to be confidently optimistic'. Thus, 'sanguine' is the synonym of 'optimistic'.

50. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation:

The word given is 'cooperative', which means 'helping or agreeing.' 'Complacent' means 'not ambitious' and self-satisfied. 'Conniving' means 'scheming', 'covert' refers to something that is 'not openly shown' and 'complaisant' refers to 'the inclination towards obliging or pleasing someone'. Thus, based on the meanings, it can be concluded that 'complacent' is the synonym of 'cooperative'.