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Question no: 1
Skill: Identification of objects  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Select the correct word for the picture.

A: bat
B: bag
C: pad
D: box

Overall  
A: 5.6%  B: 84.1%  C: 3.2%  D: 6.9%  Invalid Answer: 0.1%  Not Attempted: 0.1%

Question no: 2
Skill: Identification of objects  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word that completes the sentence.

In the picture below, the first ball is big, while the second ball is __________.

A: small
B: tall
C: thin
D: fat

Overall  
A: 68.1%  B: 11.8%  C: 6.3%  D: 13.3%  Invalid Answer: 0.3%  Not Attempted: 0.2%
The boy is hiding ______ the table.
A: before  
B: behind  
C: above  
D: under

Overall  A: 11.9%  B: 12.9%  C: 11.3%  D: 63.4%  Invalid Answer: 0.3%  Not Attempted: 0.3%
Question no: 4
Skill: Sentence and grammar Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Which option matches the sentence given below?

The monkey is about to eat the bananas.

A: 

B: 

C: 

D: 

Overall A: 4.7% B: 9.3% C: 10.5% D: 74.9% Invalid Answer: 0.4% Not Attempted: 0.3%

Question no: 5
Skill: Sentence and grammar Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word to complete the question for the given answer.

Question:_______ is the pen?
Answer: It is near the book.

A: How
B: What
C: Where
D: When

Overall A: 13.9% B: 30.4% C: 47.3% D: 7.9% Invalid Answer: 0.2% Not Attempted: 0.3%
Question no: 6
Skill: Vocabulary Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the option that is the OPPOSITE of the word start.
A: stop
B: find
C: begin
D: hide

Overall A: 56.6% B: 15.6% C: 18.3% D: 8.9% Invalid Answer: 0.2% Not Attempted: 0.4%

Question no: 7
Skill: Identification of objects Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the correct word for the given picture.
A: face
B: teeth
C: tongue
D: lips

Overall A: 10.3% B: 10.9% C: 13.4% D: 64.6% Invalid Answer: 0.4% Not Attempted: 0.3%

Question no: 8
Skill: Identification of objects Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Who among the following is most likely to use this object for their work?

A: lawyer
B: doctor
C: farmer
D: carpenter

Overall A: 8.0% B: 73.5% C: 8.5% D: 9.4% Invalid Answer: 0.3% Not Attempted: 0.3%
Question no: 9
Skill: Identification of objects  
Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the answer that best matches the picture.

A: east
B: mountain
C: feast
D: river

A: 11.8%  B: 67.1%  C: 9.2%  D: 11.1%  Invalid Answer: 0.2%  Not Attempted: 0.5%

Question no: 10
Skill: Identification of objects  
Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the object that protects us from rain.
A: stick
B: umbrella
C: fan
D: paper

A: 13.8%  B: 55.5%  C: 16.1%  D: 13.8%  Invalid Answer: 0.2%  Not Attempted: 0.6%
Which picture matches the given sentence?

The hen has a chick.

A:  
B:  
C:  
D:  

Overall  A: 4.8%  B: 9.0%  C: 76.5%  D: 9.4%  Invalid Answer: 0.2%  Not Attempted: 0.2%
Question no: 12
Skill: Identification of objects  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Which picture matches the following sentence?

Tamiru cleans the table while a mouse sits under the table.

A:  
B:  
C:  
D:  

Overall:  A: 14.9%  B: 55.9%  C: 15.7%  D: 12.9%  Invalid Answer: 0.2%  Not Attempted: 0.5%

Question no: 13
Skill: Sentence and grammar  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Complete the sentence below with the appropriate option.

Neena: Is your sister there?
Sunil: Yes, _____ here.
A: she must
B: she is
C: she sees
D: she comes

Overall:  A: 20.2%  B: 56.6%  C: 8.2%  D: 14.4%  Invalid Answer: 0.2%  Not Attempted: 0.5%
Question no: 14
Skill: Sentence and grammar Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the correct word to complete the question given below.

Question: _____ will the match start?
Answer: It will start at 9 am.
A: Why
B: How
C: When
D: Where

Overall | A: 17.9% | B: 35.0% | C: 31.0% | D: 15.4% | Invalid Answer: 0.2% | Not Attempted: 0.5%

Question no: 15
Skill: Sentence and grammar Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word that completes the sentence.
Karim likes to _____ chocolates.
A: eating
B: eat
C: ate
D: will eat

Overall | A: 34.2% | B: 40.7% | C: 11.5% | D: 12.9% | Invalid Answer: 0.2% | Not Attempted: 0.4%

Question no: 16
Skill: Sentence and grammar Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word that completes the sentence.
Nardos reads a ________.
A: table
B: book
C: school
D: chair

Overall | A: 11.2% | B: 68.5% | C: 14.2% | D: 5.8% | Invalid Answer: 0.2% | Not Attempted: 0.2%
Question no: 17
Skill: Vocabulary  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word that completes the sentence.

Amir is a __________ person as he never completes any work on time.
A: lazy
B: boring
C: selfish
D: cruel

Overall: 44.1% A, 22.4% B, 23.4% C, 9.1% D, Invalid Answer: 0.3%, Not Attempted: 0.7%

Question no: 18
Skill: Sentence and grammar  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word that completes the sentence.

The ox ______ the grass.
A: drinks
B: runs
C: eats
D: sleeps

Overall: 19.3% A, 12.2% B, 56.7% C, 11.0% D, Invalid Answer: 0.4%, Not Attempted: 0.3%

Question no: 19
Skill: Vocabulary  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

"I cannot be quick", said the tortoise. From these words we know that the tortoise is ____________.
A: intelligent
B: stupid
C: pretty
D: slow

Overall: 24.3% A, 18.7% B, 15.2% C, 40.6% D, Invalid Answer: 0.3%, Not Attempted: 0.9%
Question no: 20
Skill: Sentence and grammar  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word that completes the sentence.
Sheela and _________ brothers help their parents in the field.
A: us
B: her
C: our
D: their

Overall  A: 12.6%  B: 43.1%  C: 23.1%  D: 20.9%  Invalid Answer: 0.2%  Not Attempted: 0.2%

Question no: 21
Skill: Sentence and grammar  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the correct question to the answer given by Sumati to Manjula.
Manjula: ________________
Sumati: Yes. I learnt it from my aunt.

A: Won't you speak Urdu?
B: Do you speak Urdu?
C: Does you speak Urdu?
D: Are you speak Urdu?

Overall  A: 19.8%  B: 43.2%  C: 12.6%  D: 24.1%  Invalid Answer: 0.2%  Not Attempted: 0.1%

Question no: 22
Skill: Sentence and grammar  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the option that answers the question correctly.
Would you like to have a chocolate?
A: Yes, thank you!
B: You're welcome.
C: It doesn't matter.
D: Oh, sorry. Thanks not!

Overall  A: 57.6%  B: 16.1%  C: 12.8%  D: 13.2%  Invalid Answer: 0.2%  Not Attempted: 0.3%
### Question no: 23
**Skill: Sentence and grammar  Paper Set: A, Medium: English**

Choose the correct option to complete the question.

Can you ______ me what time I should meet you tomorrow?

- A: give
- B: call
- C: tell
- D: say

**Overall**
- A: 33.5%
- B: 16.9%
- C: 36.9%
- D: 12.2%
- Invalid Answer: 0.3%
- Not Attempted: 0.1%

### Question no: 24
**Skill: Vocabulary  Paper Set: A, Medium: English**

Choose the word that completes the sentence.

All the players taking part in a game can be called

______.

- A: observers
- B: spectators
- C: competitors
- D: organisers

**Overall**
- A: 22.6%
- B: 20.0%
- C: 38.0%
- D: 18.6%
- Invalid Answer: 0.3%
- Not Attempted: 0.5%

### Question no: 25
**Skill: Sentence and grammar  Paper Set: A, Medium: English**

Due to floods in this region, food and medical supplies have become scarce. People have to make do with whatever is left.

What does the underlined word above mean?

- A: insufficient
- B: damaged
- C: borrowed
- D: distributed

**Overall**
- A: 22.3%
- B: 30.7%
- C: 24.3%
- D: 22.1%
- Invalid Answer: 0.2%
- Not Attempted: 0.5%
Question no: 26
Skill: Sentence and grammar Paper Set: A, Medium: English

The four sentences given below make up a small story. But they are in the wrong order.

Choose the OPTION that gives the CORRECT ORDER of the sentences given.

1. His aunt was very particular about cleanliness.
2. A boy who disliked washing went to stay with his aunt.
3. After a short while, he leaned over the railings and called downstairs, "Auntie, are my ears part of my face or part of my neck?"
4. One day she sent him upstairs to wash his face.

A: 1-2-4-3
B: 2-1-4-3
C: 1-2-3-4
D: 2-1-3-4

Overall A: 17.0% B: 31.0% C: 38.1% D: 13.4% Invalid Answer: 0.2% Not Attempted: 0.3%

Passage

Read the story given below and answer the following four questions.

Crocodiles lay their eggs and cover them with sand. After three months, the baby crocodiles are ready to come out of the eggs. But the babies cannot dig their way out of the sand above them. They peep out and make some sound while hatching out of their shells. At that time, the mother, who has been guarding them hears them. She then digs them free.

Question no: 27
Skill: Reading and comprehension Paper Set: A, Medium: English

How many months after the mother crocodile has laid the eggs do the baby crocodiles come out of the eggs?

A: One
B: Two
C: Three
D: Four

Overall A: 21.5% B: 27.0% C: 42.6% D: 8.3% Invalid Answer: 0.3% Not Attempted: 0.3%
Question no: 28  
Skill: Reading and comprehension  
Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Why does the mother crocodile dig her babies out of the sand?  
A: The babies cannot come out by themselves.  
B: She is playing a game with them.  
C: She is saving them from enemies.  
D: The babies start fighting with each other.

Overall  
A: **38.3%**  
B: **23.3%**  
C: **21.5%**  
D: **15.9%**  
Invalid Answer: **0.4%**  
Not Attempted: **0.6%**

Question no: 29  
Skill: Reading and comprehension  
Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Where do the crocodiles hide their eggs?  
A: behind the stones  
B: under the sand  
C: in the water  
D: under the rocks

Overall  
A: **19.7%**  
B: **38.4%**  
C: **26.7%**  
D: **14.2%**  
Invalid Answer: **0.3%**  
Not Attempted: **0.7%**

Question no: 30  
Skill: Reading and comprehension  
Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Who guards the eggs before they hatch?  
A: the brother crocodile  
B: the sister crocodile  
C: the mother crocodile  
D: the father crocodile

Overall  
A: **13.5%**  
B: **14.5%**  
C: **58.4%**  
D: **13.0%**  
Invalid Answer: **0.2%**  
Not Attempted: **0.4%**
Passage

Read the story below and answer the following six questions.

Two tortoises were playing on the riverbank when a bear saw them.

He was very hungry. He ran towards them.

The tortoises started rolling down the bank together and they rolled right into the water.

The bear fell on a rock and bumped his head.

The tortoises swam away. The bear was left holding his head.
Question no: 31
Skill: Reading and comprehension  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Why did the bear run towards the tortoises?
A: He wanted to eat them.
B: He wanted to see them.
C: He wanted to play with them.
D: He wanted to talk to them.

Overall A: 42.1%  B: 19.7%  C: 27.3%  D: 10.5%  Invalid Answer: 0.3%  Not Attempted: 0.2%

Question no: 32
Skill: Reading and comprehension  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

How many tortoises are there in the story?
A: one
B: two
C: three
D: four

Overall A: 14.8%  B: 47.3%  C: 25.9%  D: 11.3%  Invalid Answer: 0.3%  Not Attempted: 0.4%

Question no: 33
Skill: Reading and comprehension  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

What was the bear looking for?
A: water
B: food
C: a place to live
D: a tree

Overall A: 39.9%  B: 32.5%  C: 18.4%  D: 8.5%  Invalid Answer: 0.4%  Not Attempted: 0.4%
Question no: 34
Skill: Reading and comprehension  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word to complete the sentence.

When the tortoises held each others' hands and feet, they could roll like a ______.
A: box  
B: bat  
C: ball  
D: bull

Overall  A: 31.4%  B: 24.1%  C: 26.5%  D: 16.9%  Invalid Answer: 0.4%  Not Attempted: 0.8%

Question no: 35
Skill: Reading and comprehension  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word to complete the sentence.

In the end, the bear is likely to have felt ________________.
A: clever and happy  
B: tired and disappointed  
C: tired and happy  
D: strong and clever

Overall  A: 27.6%  B: 28.9%  C: 20.4%  D: 22.3%  Invalid Answer: 0.3%  Not Attempted: 0.5%
Passage

Read the poster shown and answer the following four questions.

Do you ever daydream?
Do you let your mind make magic?
Do you think you are... maybe a little ant?
Maybe an astronaut whizzing through space?
If you have, quick! Write us a poem!
It should start with –
When I close my eyes, I think
I think I am...
Remember – The poem should be your own.
It should NOT be more than 10 lines long.

Please write your name, age and address on the post card. Send it in by 30 May, 2012.

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**Question no: 36**
Skill: Reading and comprehension  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

What other information, that is **MISSING** in the poster, is needed to send an entry?
A: how to send your entry  
B: where to send your entry  
C: when to send your entry  
D: what to send as your entry

Overall  
A: 33.8%  B: 26.2%  C: 18.0%  D: 21.4%  Invalid Answer: 0.5%  Not Attempted: 0.2%

**Question no: 37**
Skill: Reading and comprehension  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Which of these can be sent for the contest?
A: Asif's short story about what he will do when he grows up  
B: Reena's poem about a fire engine  
C: Salim's poem about what he really wants to be  
D: Samira's short story about how badly she wants to fly above the earth

Overall  
A: 21.4%  B: 30.0%  C: 23.1%  D: 24.1%  Invalid Answer: 0.4%  Not Attempted: 0.9%

**Question no: 38**
Skill: Reading and comprehension  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

What do you need to do to participate in the contest?
A: write a joke  
B: write a poem  
C: write a story  
D: write an essay

Overall  
A: 18.8%  B: 39.4%  C: 29.1%  D: 11.6%  Invalid Answer: 0.5%  Not Attempted: 0.6%
Question no: 39
Skill: Reading and comprehension  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

The poem should be about ___________.
A: space
B: magic
C: little ants
D: your dreams

Overall  A: 20.7%  B: 23.6%  C: 20.9%  D: 33.8%  Invalid Answer: 0.3%  Not Attempted: 0.7%

Question no: 40
Skill: Reading and comprehension  Paper Set: A, Medium: English

How do you have to send your entry?
A: by email
B: in a sealed envelope
C: through a post card
D: give it in person

Overall  A: 27.5%  B: 14.7%  C: 33.6%  D: 23.8%  Invalid Answer: 0.2%  Not Attempted: 0.3%

Note: For each question, options marked with RED letters shows % of students who gave wrong answers, options marked with GREEN letters shows % of students who gave correct answers.