

Young Lives 2016-17 School Surveys Item level analysis

India

Wave 1

Subject: English

This booklet contains 'Functional English' items administered to students in Grades 9 at Wave 1 of Young Lives' school survey in India. This survey took place in 2016-17.

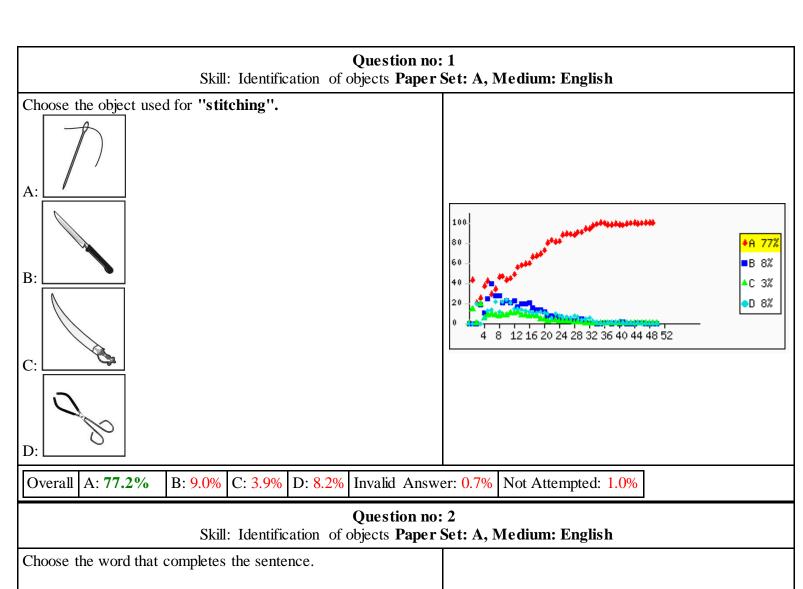
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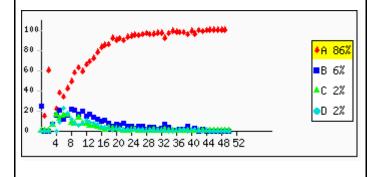


In the picture below, the first ball is big, while the second ball is

C: thin D: fat



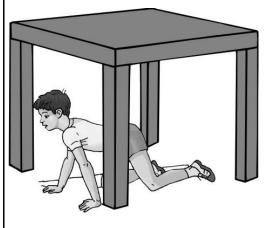
A: small B: tall



C: 2.4% D: 2.9% Invalid Answer: 0.8% Not Attempted: 0.7% Overall A: **86.4%** B: 6.8%

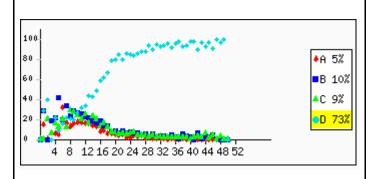
Skill: Sentence and grammar Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word to complete the sentence correctly for the picture.

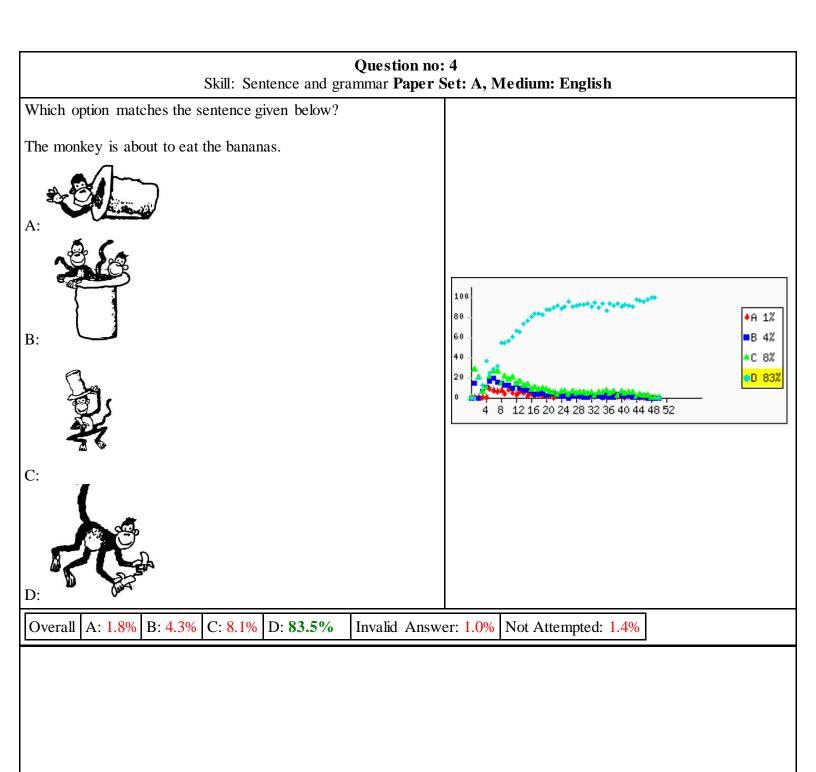


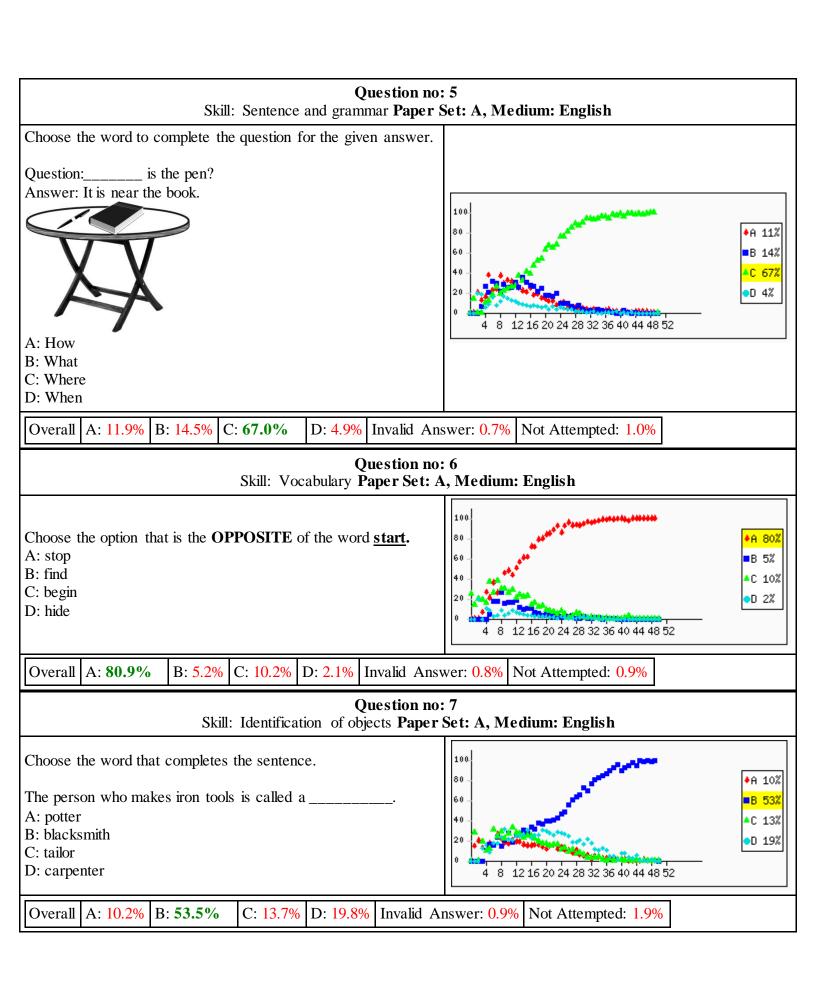
The boy is hiding _____ the table.

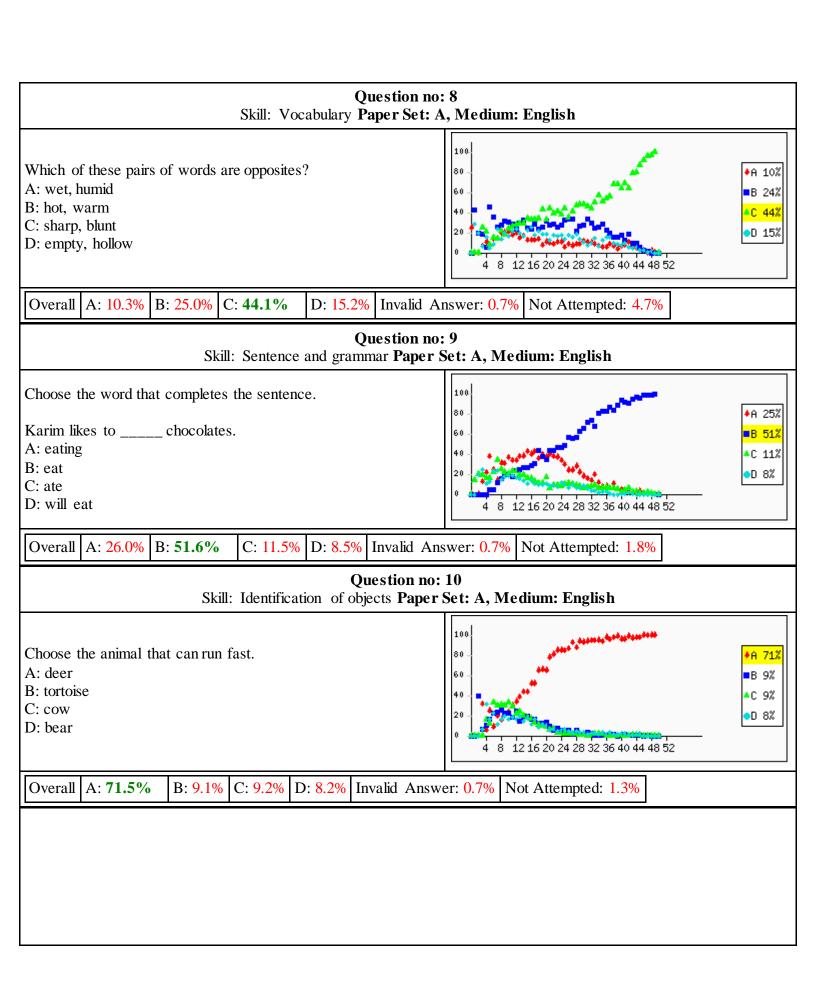
A: before B: behind C: above D: under

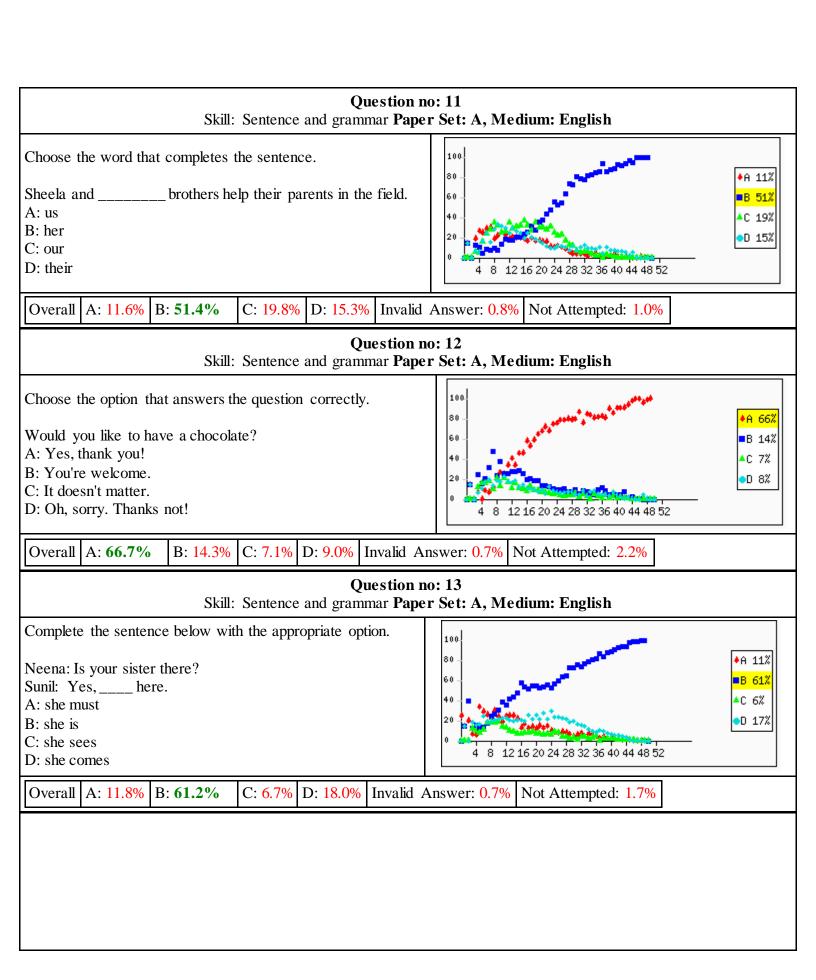


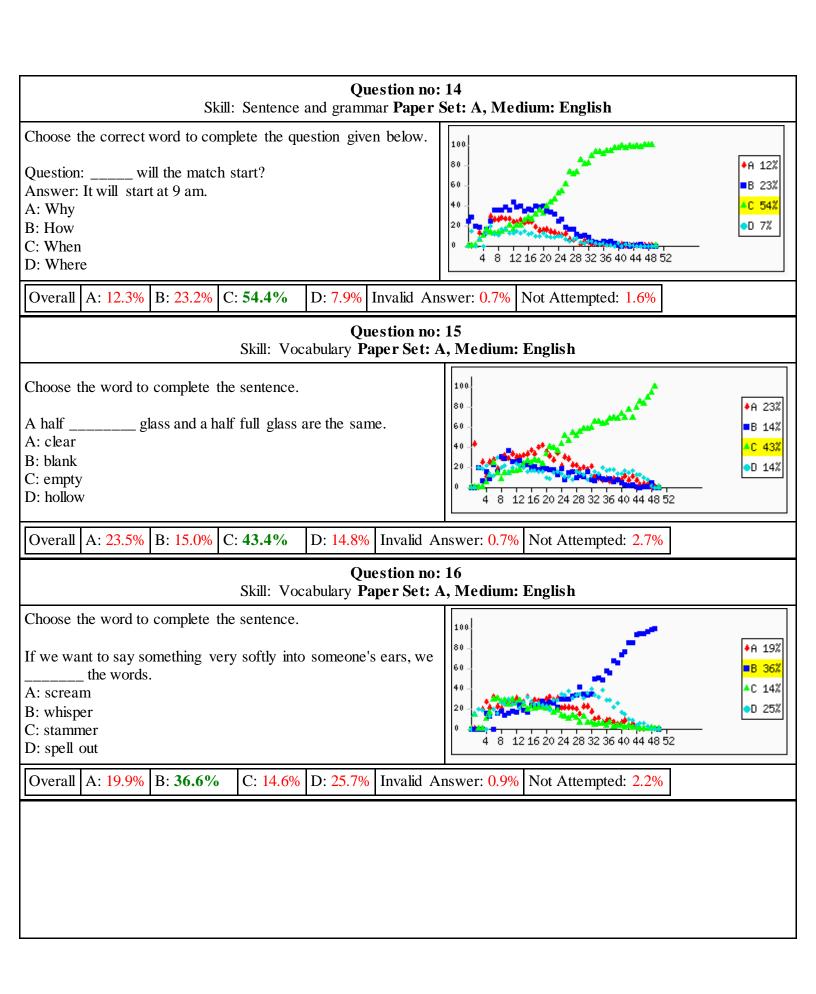
Overall A: 5.4% B: 10.2% C: 9.2% D: 73.1% Invalid Answer: 0.7% Not Attempted: 1.4%



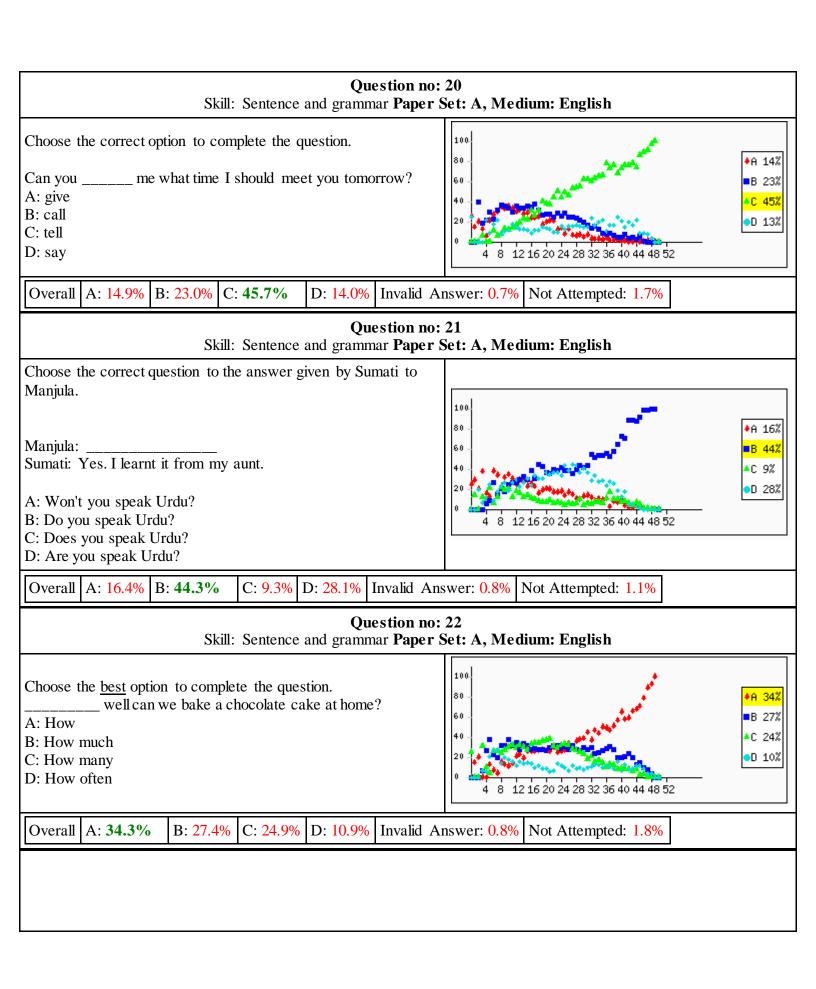








Question no: Skill: Vocabulary Paper Set: A	
Choose the word that completes the sentence.	N. Wiedidin. English
Amir is a person as he never completes any work on time. A: lazy B: boring C: selfish D: cruel	00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Overall A: 61.4% B: 13.3% C: 15.0% D: 7.9% Invalid An	swer: 0.7% Not Attempted: 1.8%
Question no: Skill: Sentence and grammar Paper	
Choose the word to complete the question for the given answer. Question: did you go to Delhi? Answer: We went by train. A: How B: Who C: Why D: When	100 80 60 40 20 4 8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52
Overall A: 57.1% B: 10.6% C: 15.2% D: 14.8% Invalid A	nswer: 0.8% Not Attempted: 1.5%
Question no: Skill: Vocabulary Paper Set: A	
"I cannot be quick", said the tortoise. From these words we know that the tortoise is A: intelligent B: stupid C: pretty D: slow	1000 80 60 40 20 0 4 8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52
Overall A: 27.6% B: 9.0% C: 8.7% D: 51.2% Invalid Ans	wer: 0.7% Not Attempted: 2.8%



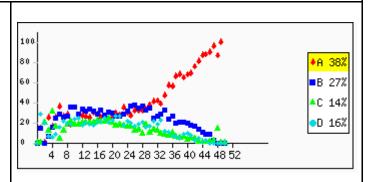
Question no: 23 Skill: Sentence and grammar Paper Set: A, Medium: English Identify the correct phrase that can complete the sentence given 100 below meaningfully. 80 ♦A 16% The room fell silent _____ that there would be B 40% no water supply in the city for three days. ▲C 23% A: whereas the man announced D 17% B: when the man announced C: in case the man announces 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 D: even if the man announces C: 23.1% D: 17.1% Invalid Answer: 0.8% Not Attempted: 2.8% Overall A: 16.0% B: 40.2% Question no: 24 Skill: Vocabulary Paper Set: A, Medium: English "You have to work hard, not spend time sleeping", said Ashok's mother. 80 ♦A 15% ■B 40% His mother was asking Ashok not to be ____. ▲C 11% A: slow D 30% B: lazy C: proud 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 D: hardworking Overall A: 15.0% B: 40.5% C: 11.2% D: 30.1% Invalid Answer: 0.6% Not Attempted: 2.5% Question no: 25 Skill: Vocabulary Paper Set: A, Medium: English She was one of the **excellent** leaders the nation had produced. ♦A 11% Which word can replace the underlined word? 60 B 46% A: ordinary ▲C 28% B: great D 10% C: intelligent D: useful Overall A: 11.5% B: 47.0% C: 28.6% D: 10.3% Invalid Answer: 0.8% Not Attempted: 1.9%

Skill: Vocabulary Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Since we did not know the <u>precise</u> meaning of many words, the teacher advised us to use the dictionary.

Identify the word which means the same as <u>precise</u> as used in the sentence above.

A: exact
B: similar
C: uniform
D: identical



•A 38%

■B 26% ▲C 14%

D 18%

Overall A: 38.5% B: 27.7% C: 14.7% D: 16.9% Invalid Answer: 0.8% Not Attempted: 1.4%

Question no: 27

Skill: Vocabulary 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: 38.0%

C: 14.1% D: 18.5% Invalid Answer: 0.8% Not Attempted: 2.0%

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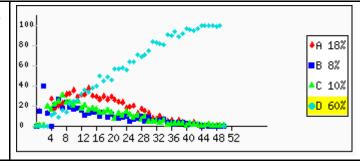
Question no: 28
Skill: Sentence and grammar Paper Set: A, Medium: English

'Raju could not stop screaming and jumping when India won the match'.

B: 26.5%

What does this line best describe Raju?

A: his greedB: his sadnessC: his confusionD: his happiness



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Overall A: 18.5% B: 8.6% C: 10.5% D: 60.1% Invalid Answer: 1.0% Not Attempted: 1.4%

Skill: Vocabulary Paper Set: A, Medium: English

My aunt lives in a house on a steep hill. It was an arduous journey up the hill to reach her house. But seeing us puffing and panting, my aunt served us cool and refreshing lemonade.

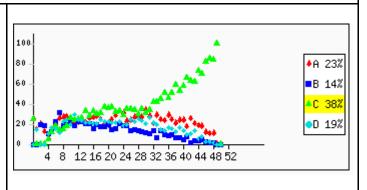
In the above sentence "arduous" probably means

A: fun and exciting

B: thorny and tricky

C: difficult and tiring

D: wild and dangerous



Overall A: 23.6% B: 14.7% C: 38.4% D: 19.7% Invalid Answer: 0.8% Not Attempted: 2.9%

Question no: 30

Skill: Sentence and grammar Paper Set: A, Medium: English

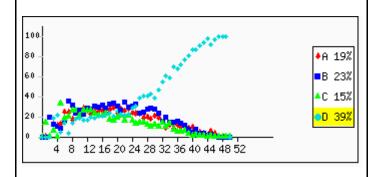
The following poster was put on a school notice board. But the words on that poster are all jumbled up as given below.

teeth brushing keeps away cavities daily your

Choose the option that makes the poster meaningful and **CORRECT**.

- A: Brushing your teeth keeps away cavities daily.
- B: Daily teeth brushing keeps away your cavities.
- C: Teeth brushing daily keeps your cavities away.
- D: Brushing your teeth daily keeps cavities away.

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Overall	A: 19.1%	D. 23.1%	C: 13.2%	D: 40.0%	Invalid Allswer: 0.0%	Not Attempted: 2.1%	

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

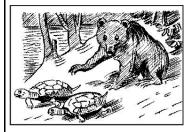
D: 2-1-3-4

Overall	A: 19.4%	B: 40.4%	C: 21.1%	D: 15.8%	Invalid A	Answer: 0.8%	Not Attempted: 2.6%

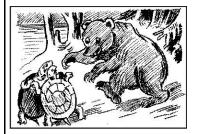
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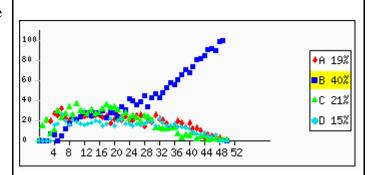
Read the story below and answer the following six questions.

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

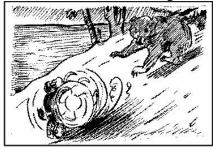


He was very hungry. He ran towards them.

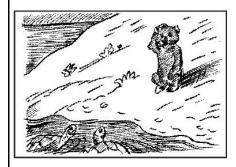




The tortoises started rolling down the bank together and they rolled right into the water.



The bear fell on a rock and bumped his head.



The tortoises swam away. The bear was left holding his head.

Question no: 32

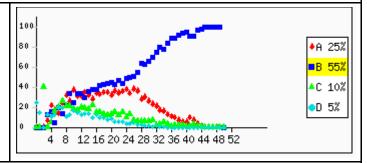
Skill: Reading and comprehension Paper Set: A, Medium: English

What was the bear looking for?

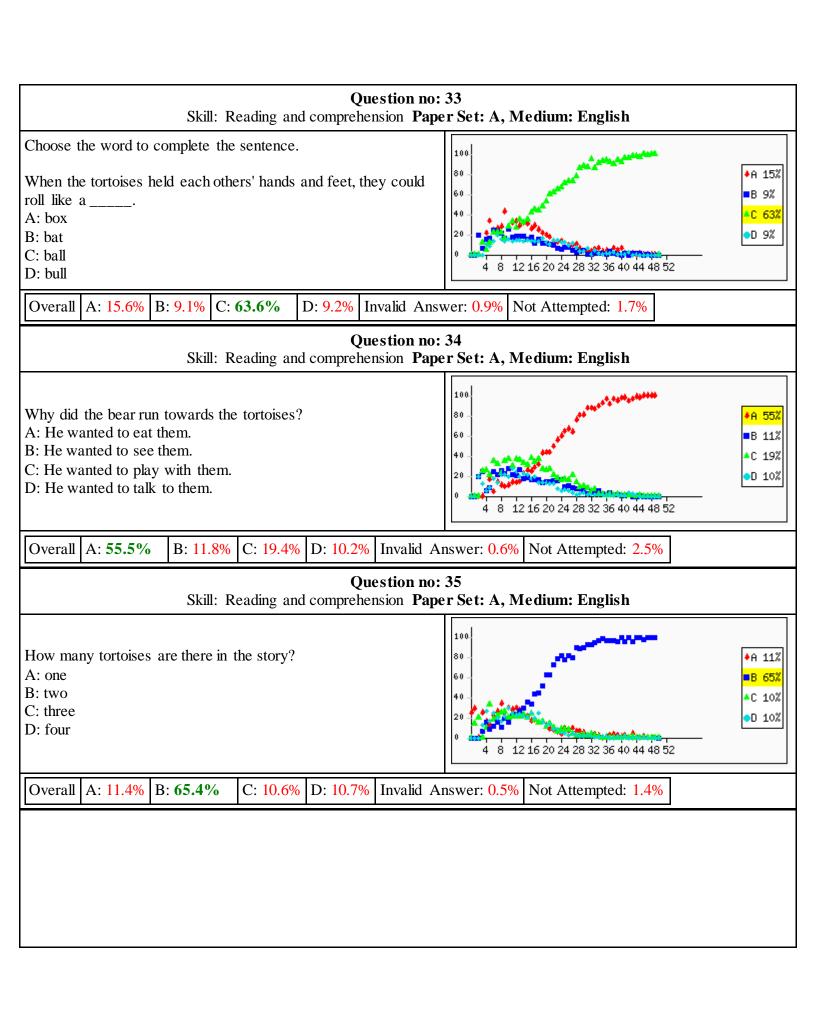
A: water B: food

C: a place to live

D: a tree



Overall A: 25.4% B: 56.0% C: 10.6% D: 5.9% Invalid Answer: 0.7% Not Attempted: 1.5%



Skill: Reading and comprehension Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word to complete the sentence.

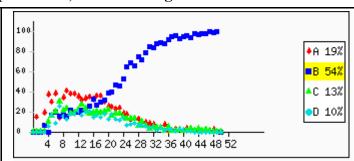
In the end, the bear is likely to have felt ____

A: clever and happy

B: tired and disappointed

C: tired and happy

D: strong and clever



Overall A: 19.3% C: 13.3% D: 10.3% Invalid Answer: 0.8% Not Attempted: 1.5% B: 54.8%

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.

Ouestion no: 37

Skill: Reading and comprehension Paper Set: A, Medium: English

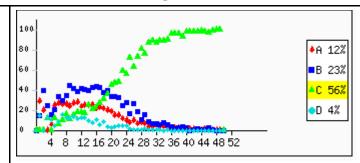
How many months after the mother crocodile has laid the eggs do the baby crocodiles come out of the eggs?

A: One

B: Two

C: Three

D: Four



Overall A: 12.9% B: 23.9% C: 56.5% D: 4.5% | Invalid Answer: 0.7% | Not Attempted: 1.4%

Question no: 38

Skill: Reading and comprehension Paper Set: A, Medium: English

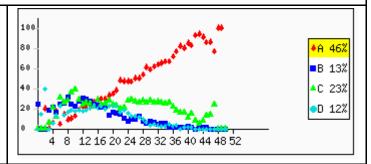
Why does the mother crocodile dig her babies out of the sand?

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.



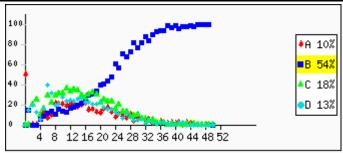
B: 13.5% | C: 23.8% | D: 12.8% | Invalid Answer: 0.8% | Not Attempted: 2.5% Overall A: 46.6%

Question no: 39 Skill: Reading and comprehension Paper Set: A, Medium: English 100 Where do the crocodiles hide their eggs? 80

A: behind the stones

B: under the sand C: in the water

D: under the rocks



Invalid Answer: 0.7% | Not Attempted: 2.6% C: 18.2% D: 13.3% Overall A: 10.6% B: 54.6%

Question no: 40

Skill: Reading and comprehension Paper Set: A, Medium: English

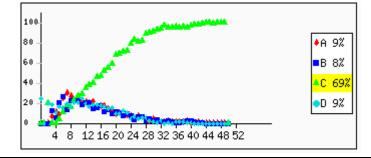
Who guards the eggs before they hatch?

A: the brother crocodile

B: the sister crocodile

C: the mother crocodile

D: the father crocodile



Overall A: 9.4% B: 8.9% C: 69.4% D: 9.3% | Invalid Answer: 0.6% Not Attempted: 2.4%

Passage

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

One evening a poor worker went to a sweet shop and stood there for some time. Then he turned to go because he did not have money to buy the sweets. Suddenly he heard the shopkeeper's voice, "Stop. You can't go away without paying."

"For what?" asked the worker.

"For the sweets," said the shopkeeper.

"But I have not eaten any," said the worker.

"But you did enjoy its smell, didn't you?" asked the shopkeeper. "Smelling is as good as eating."

The poor man was worried.

A wise man was seeing all this. He whispered something to the worker. The worker then went up to the shopkeeper and jingled a few coins in his pocket. The shopkeeper told him to pay the money.

The worker said, "I have paid it." The shopkeeper got confused. The worker said, "Didn't you hear the money jingling? If smelling is as good as eating, hearing is as good as receiving." Question no: 41 Skill: Reading and comprehension Paper Set: A, Medium: English In the story, the shopkeeper was the poor ♦A 23% worker. B 28% 60 A: taking a bet with 4C 31% B: making a plan with C: trying to be cleverer than D 13% D: showing he was kinder than 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 Overall A: 23.6% B: 28.5% C: 31.3% D: 13.7% Invalid Answer: 0.8% Not Attempted: 2.1% **Question no: 42** Skill: Reading and comprehension Paper Set: A, Medium: English 'If smelling is as good as eating, hearing is as good as receiving.' 100 80 A 27% In this sentence, which word can **REPLACE** 'receiving'? ■B 37% ▲C 19% A: giving D 12% B: getting C: listening 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 D: watching Overall A: 27.2% B: 37.2% C: 19.4% D: 13.0% Invalid Answer: 0.7% Not Attempted: 2.5% **Ouestion no: 43** Skill: Reading and comprehension Paper Set: A, Medium: English 100 What could the wise man have WHISPERED in the worker's 80 A 22% ear? 60 B 37% A: I have a plan to help the shopkeeper. ▲C 21% B: I have a plan to trick the shopkeeper. C: I have a plan to steal from the shopkeeper. D 15% D: I have a plan to hide from the shopkeeper. 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52

D: 15.4% Invalid Answer: 0.7% Not Attempted: 3.3%

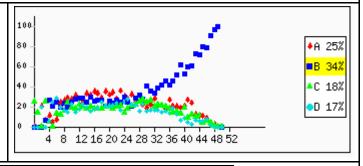
Overall A: 22.4% B: 37.1%

C: 21.2%

Skill: Reading and comprehension Paper Set: A, Medium: English

The worker is LIKELY to feel _____as he prepares to LEAVE the sweet shop.

A: funny
B: unhappy
C: shocked
D: surprised



Overall A: 25.7% B: 34.9% C: 18.4% D: 17.2% Invalid Answer: 0.8% Not Attempted: 3.0%

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Read the poster shown and answer the following four questions.

Question no: 45

Skill: Reading and comprehension Paper Set: A, Medium: English

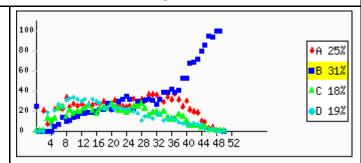
What other information, that is **MISSING** in the poster, is needed to send an entry?

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: 25.6% B: 31.8% C: 18.2% D: 19.8% Invalid Answer: 0.8% Not Attempted: 3.9%

Question no: 46

Skill: Reading and comprehension Paper Set: A, Medium: English

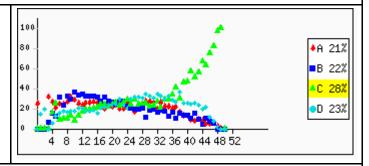
Which of these can be sent for the contest?

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: 21.2% B: 22.9% C: 28.5% D: 23.8% Invalid Answer: 1.0% Not Attempted: 2.7%

