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

Select the correct word for the picture.

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Overall | A: 3.6% | B: 73.3% | C: 2.3% | D: 4.3% | Invalid Answer: 0.0% | Not Attempted: 16.6%
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: 62.2% | B: 7.9% | C: 5.1% | D: 8.1% | Invalid Answer: 0.2% | Not Attempted: 16.5%
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: 8.2% | B: 9.2% | C: 7.4% | D: 58.5% | Invalid Answer: 0.2% | Not Attempted: 16.7%
Which option matches the sentence given below?

The monkey is about to eat the bananas.

A:

B:
### 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.

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A: 4.1%  
B: 6.0%  
C: 7.6%  
D: 65.4%  
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**Overall**  
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B: 24.7%  
C: 42.1%  
D: 6.1%  
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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

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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: 7.5% | B: 7.9% | C: 9.3% | D: 58.4% | Invalid Answer: 0.3% | Not Attempted: 16.7% |
Who among the following is most likely to use this object for their work?

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

Overall: A: 5.6%  B: 64.8%  C: 6.5%  D: 6.3%  Invalid Answer: 0.1%  Not Attempted: 16.6%
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

Overall | A: 8.1% | B: 62.0% | C: 6.2% | D: 6.9% | Invalid Answer: 0.1% | Not Attempted: 16.8%
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

Overall | A: 8.8% | B: 53.1% | C: 12.4% | D: 8.7% | Invalid Answer: 0.1% | Not Attempted: 16.9%

Question no: 11
Skill: Identification of objects Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Which picture matches the given sentence?
The hen has a chick.

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Which picture matches the following sentence?

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

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C:

D:
Question no: 13
Skill: Identification of objects
Paper Set: A, Medium: English
Select the correct word for the picture.

A: cat
B: bag
C: cap
D: pan

Overall    A: 5.4% B: 6.5% C: 66.1% D: 5.2% Invalid Answer: 0.1% Not Attempted: 16.6%

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: 13.8% B: 27.3% C: 31.5% D: 10.7% Invalid Answer: 0.1% Not Attempted: 16.7%
**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

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**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

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**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

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Overall  
A: 41.1%  
B: 17.4%  
C: 17.5%  
D: 7.0%  
Invalid Answer: 0.2%  
Not Attempted: 16.9%

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**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

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Overall  
A: 13.4%  
B: 8.5%  
C: 53.0%  
D: 8.2%  
Invalid Answer: 0.2%  
Not Attempted: 16.7%
# 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 ____________.

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<td>B: stupid</td>
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<td>C: pretty</td>
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<td>D: slow</td>
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**Overall**

- A: 19.8%
- B: 14.8%
- C: 12.6%
- D: 35.4%
- Invalid Answer: 0.2%
- Not Attempted: 17.1%

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# 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.

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**Overall**

- A: 11.2%
- B: 39.2%
- C: 17.2%
- D: 15.9%
- Invalid Answer: 0.1%
- Not Attempted: 16.6%
Question no: 21
Skill: Identification of objects Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the object used for "stitching".

A:

B:

Graph showing data points with different markers and labels.
Overall: 35.4%  B: 15.2%  C: 11.5%  D: 21.1%  Invalid Answer: 0.1%  Not Attempted: 16.7%
**Question no: 22**

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

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

Overall  
A: 40.0%  B: 11.6%  C: 14.7%  D: 17.0%  Invalid Answer: 0.2%  Not Attempted: 16.6%

**Question no: 23**

Skill: Identification of objects  
Paper Set: A, Medium: English

One who teaches in a school is a ________________.
A: cook
B: student
C: teacher
D: potter

Overall  
A: 8.9%  B: 36.0%  C: 34.3%  D: 4.1%  Invalid Answer: 0.2%  Not Attempted: 16.6%
Question no: 24
Skill: Sentence and grammar
Paper Set: A, Medium: English

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

What does this line best describe Raju?
A: his greed
B: his sadness
C: his confusion
D: his happiness

Overall | A: 19.7% | B: 15.5% | C: 19.2% | D: 28.8% | Invalid Answer: 0.1% | Not Attempted: 16.8%

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

Identify the correct phrase that can complete the sentence given below meaningfully.

The room fell silent ___________________ that there would be no water supply in the city for three days.
A: whereas the man announced
B: when the man announced
C: in case the man announces
D: even if the man announces

Overall | A: 15.1% | B: 26.7% | C: 22.3% | D: 18.9% | Invalid Answer: 0.1% | Not Attempted: 16.8%
Question no: 26
Skill: Sentence and grammar
Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the correct option that will complete the sentence given below.

Rashid said, "I have some chocolates at home. Would you like to have some?"
Rikin said, ________________
A: "Yes, you will."
B: "No, you haven't."
C: 'I'll have none."
D: "No, thank you."

Overall A: 33.6%  B: 17.1%  C: 9.8%  D: 22.8%  Invalid Answer: 0.2%  Not Attempted: 16.5%

Question no: 27
Skill: Sentence and grammar
Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the best question for the given answer.

Answer: At least twice a week.
A: How do you eat ice cream?
B: How much ice cream do you eat?
C: How often do you eat ice cream?
D: How many ice creams do you eat?

Overall A: 22.3%  B: 21.0%  C: 21.1%  D: 18.9%  Invalid Answer: 0.2%  Not Attempted: 16.7%
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: 11.7% | B: 30.4% | C: 28.6% | D: 12.2% | Invalid Answer: 0.2% | Not Attempted: 16.9% |
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: 29

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: 14.7% | B: 23.1% | C: 38.0% | D: 7.3% | Invalid Answer: 0.2% | Not Attempted: 16.7%
### Question no: 30
**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: 33.2% | B: 17.8% | C: 19.0% | D: 13.2% | Invalid Answer: 0.1% | Not Attempted: 16.8% |

### Question no: 31
**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: 17.4% | B: 36.0% | C: 19.4% | D: 10.6% | Invalid Answer: 0.2% | Not Attempted: 16.6% |
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: 9.7%  B: 13.5%  C: 50.6%  D: 9.0%  Invalid Answer: 0.3%  Not Attempted: 16.9%

Passage

The duck-billed platypus is a strange animal. It has four legs and is furry. It has a beaver's tail as well as the webbed feet and the beak of a duck. It lays eggs like a bird but lets the young ones drink its milk like some other animals. As if all these queer things are not enough, it has an attraction for electric charges.

The platypus lives on live prey - worms, frogs, snails and tiny fish. When it dives into the water, its eyes are shut, and the eyelids cover the ear holes also making it deaf and blind under water. Then how does it locate its prey?

All living things give out minute electrical charges. Whenever a fish taps its tail, this tiny charge increases by a tinier amount. The platypus can identify these tiny changes in electrical charges and can use these signals to locate its prey.
Question no: 33
Skill: Reading and comprehensionPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Which part of the platypus looks like that of a bird?
A: tail
B: beak
C: eyes
D: head

Overall A: 23.8% B: 23.5% C: 24.8% D: 10.7% Invalid Answer: 0.2% Not Attempted: 16.9%

Question no: 34
Skill: Reading and comprehensionPaper Set: A, Medium: English

This passage was written to give people information about _____________.
A: the duck-billed platypus
B: beavers
C: taking care of animals
D: the uses of electric charges

Overall A: 29.9% B: 17.5% C: 19.5% D: 16.1% Invalid Answer: 0.2% Not Attempted: 16.9%
### Question no: 35
**Skill: Reading and comprehension**  
**Paper Set: A, Medium: English**

Which paragraph tells about the food the platypus eats?

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

| Overall | A: 14.9% | B: 27.2% | C: 24.6% | D: 16.3% | Invalid Answer: 0.2% | Not Attempted: 16.8% |

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

Choose the **true** statement.

A: A platypus has two legs.  
B: A platypus has no eyes.  
C: A platypus gives birth to its babies.  
D: A platypus feeds its babies milk.

| Overall | A: 22.5% | B: 18.9% | C: 17.1% | D: 24.6% | Invalid Answer: 0.3% | Not Attempted: 16.7% |
Read the story and answer the following four questions.

Asha had a red umbrella. She took it and went out for a walk on a windy day.

The wind was very strong. She could not hold her umbrella. It flew out of her hand.

A crow passed by and took away the open umbrella with her claws.
The crow turned the umbrella upside down and placed it on the branch of a tree. She used it as a nest for her babies.
Question no: 37
Skill: Reading and comprehension; Paper Set: A, Medium: English

What did the crow do with the umbrella?
A: She let it go with the wind.
B: She returned it to Asha.
C: She made it her nest.
D: She started playing with it.

Overall  
A: 27.0%  B: 21.4%  C: 23.6%  D: 10.8%  Invalid Answer: 0.4%  Not Attempted: 16.9%

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

How did the crow carry the umbrella?
A: with the help of her claws
B: with the help of the wind
C: with the help of her wings
D: with the help of her babies

Overall  
A: 22.1%  B: 24.6%  C: 16.5%  D: 19.6%  Invalid Answer: 0.4%  Not Attempted: 16.8%
**Question no: 39**
Skill: Reading and comprehension  
Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Where did Asha go with the umbrella?
A: to the shop  
B: for a walk  
C: into her house  
D: to bathe

Overall  
A: 14.9%  
B: 35.5%  
C: 22.3%  
D: 10.4%  
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Not Attempted: 16.8%

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

Why did the umbrella fly away?
A: because it was windy  
B: because it had wings  
C: because it was raining  
D: because a crow grabbed it

Overall  
A: 30.7%  
B: 13.7%  
C: 22.0%  
D: 16.9%  
Invalid Answer: 0.1%  
Not Attempted: 16.6%

**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.