

ENGLISH

Read the following passage carefully:

One fine evening a holy saint was sitting in his cottage. A gigantic tough king entered his cottage. "Saint", he said, in an accustomed manner, "Tell me about heaven and hell." The saint looked up at the king and replied, "Teach you about heaven and hell? I cannot teach you anything!! You are a dishonor to your class of kings. Just get out of my sight and don't bother me."

Hearing this, the king was furious. He shook with rage, withdrew his sword and raised it, almost preparing to slay the saint. "That act is indicative to hell," said the saint softly. The king was overwhelmed. This little man had put his life at stake, just in order to make the king understand the essential difference. The king slowly put down his sword and bowed with gratitude. "That is what is heaven," said the saint gently.

Based on the above passage, choose the right options to answer questions 1 to 5:

01. The king was accustomed to _____.
- A. struggle B. asking C. obedience D. disregard
02. According to the passage 'hell' is indicative of _____.
- A. the king's anger and arrogance
B. the king slaying a saint with a sword
C. the king's greed and jealousy
D. the king's silly behavior

Read the following poem carefully:

This poem describes some of the unusual characteristics of the harbour seal.

As you walk along the ocean
And peer out toward the water
And you see a log that's floating—
Look again, it might be me.

Come right down into the harbor,
But be quick, I must keep moving.
I am one the orca's hunting,
And he frequently swims here.

Like the orca, I send signals,
Only mine sound much like clicking.
They bounce back with a clear message:
"Is it time to flee or eat?"

It would serve me if you showed them
How I dive into the ocean.
How the channels to my ears fill
And then serve me like a drum

That amplifies the slightest sound—
That's how I hear in water.
There's more that makes me special.
I can hear on land as well.

They have surely heard me talking
With my friends out on their shores.
Come and look across your harbor.
I'm here peeking. Can you see me?

Please be quick. I must keep moving.
Now you see me, now you don't.

Based on the above poem, choose the right options to answer questions

03. What sound does the seal make?

- A. talking B. clicking C. whistling D. drumming

04. Which of the following strategies does the seal use to avoid the orca?

- A. diving B. camouflage
C. listening to other seals D. using its ability to hear on land

Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word:

05. The boy was unsuccessful in the exam due to his illegible handwriting.

- A. scribbled B. untidy C. readable D. beautiful

Select one word for the given group of words:

06. A person who habitually looks at the darker side of life

- A. sadist B. dentist C. optimist D. pessimist

Choose the appropriate word to fill in the gap below:

07. A man who hates mankind is known as _____.

- A. Misanthrope B. Misogynist C. Mesomorph D. Misogamist

Choose the appropriate relationship:

08. Punch is to cry as _____ .

- A. tickle is to laugh B. genuine is to authenticity

D. Something that hurts someone else

What does the underlined phrase mean?

17. I was rather surprised to find that he seemed all at sea and had an emotional outburst.
- A. was in an utter state of confusion and disorder B. was extremely upset
C. was all confident and determined D. was patient and calm

Choose the best word to complete the gap below:

18. The thief was beaten _____ by the people of the village.
- A. red and blue B. black and blue C. red and pink D. black and white

Identify the figure of speech underlined in the sentence below:

19. The trees danced and clapped their hands with joy.
- A. metaphor B. simile C. personification D. transferred epithet

Choose the appropriate meaning of the idiom used:

20. “If you think I have broken this plate, you are barking up the wrong tree. I wasn’t even home this weekend!”
- A. shouting meaninglessly B. looking in the wrong place
C. living in a dense forest D. letting many dogs bark

This question gives you a chance to write what you can imagine.

An eminent bacteriologist, Dr. Hargobind Narula, went to the tropical rainforests of South America to study some new strains of disease causing bacteria. There, while carrying out his explorations, he came across a remote, uninhabited area and set up his camp there. A few months later he wrote to his friend.

“You are aware that the country around some parts of the Amazon is still partially explored. I had the occasion to spend a night in a small Indian village at a point where a certain tributary—the name and position of which I withhold—opens into the main river. There perched on a tree, I saw a dimorphodon, a pterodactyl, a flying reptile of the Jurassic period.”

As Dr. Hargobind Narula, write a story about your adventure with the dinosaurs in the space provided in your answer booklet. (125-150 words)