

SYMBIOSIS NATIONAL APTITUDE TEST (SNAP)

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Memory Based

GENERAL ENGLISH: READING COMPREHENSION, VERBAL ABILITY

- The proverb "A rolling stone gathers no moss" emphasizes that:
 - One should be content with what they have and avoid change.
 - Patience and perseverance are key to achieving success.
 - Frequent movement leads to a lack of progress.
 - New experiences bring valuable knowledge and growth.
- In the following question, a sentence is given with a phrasal verb in bold. Read each sentence carefully to find out whether there is any error in the phrasal verb, if there is any error, choose the correct phrasal verb from given options. If the phrasal verb given in bold is correct, mark (d) as your answer.

She **narrowed** the exam **down** in the first attempt.

 - opted for
 - nailed down
 - passed out
 - No Error
- The question below consist of a set of labelled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

P: When the game of life is finally over there is no second chance to correct our errors.
Q: Time is the greater equalizer of all mankind.
R: Time offers opportunity but demands a sense of regard.
S: It has taken away the best and the worst of us without regard of either.

 - QSRP
 - RSQP
 - QRSP
 - RSPQ
- In the following question, the sentences have been given in Active / Passive Voice. From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in Passive / Active Voice as your answer.

You can play with these kittens quite safely.

 - These kittens can played with quite safely.
 - These kittens can play with you quite safely.
 - These kittens can be played with you quite safely.
 - These kittens can be played with quite safely.
- The speaker describes their overwhelming workload as a _____ drowning them in tasks.
 - Rushing river
 - Sparkling fountain
 - Gentle breeze
 - Heavy stone
- In the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error. The letter corresponding to that part is your answer. If there is no mistake, the answer is (d) 'No error.'

If I was you, (a) / I would not allow them (b) / such leverage in the business. (c) / No error (d)
- In the following questions, choose the word opposite in meaning of the highlighted word given in the sentence.

The journey was becoming **treacherous**, but they continued on.

 - perilous
 - mutinous
 - sedition
 - secure
- In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the highlighted word given in the sentence.

The soldier showed an **exemplary** courage.

 - flawed
 - faulty
 - ideal
 - boisterous
- Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition-

We must mail the letter _____ Friday.

 - by
 - since
 - until
 - for
- Choose the correct question tag to complete each sentence.

I guess he is in a hurry, _____?

 - doesn't he
 - is he
 - isn't he
 - does he
- The librarian asked everyone to be more _____ as she needed silence to concentrate on filing the new books.
 - respectful
 - enthusiastic
 - confused
 - talkative
- Having _____ the report all night, Sarah was exhausted but satisfied with the final product.
 - written
 - write
 - to write
 - writes

13. Choose the correct spelling of the word given in bold.

The rich youth cynically declared that the **penacea** for all speeding tickets was a big enough bribe.

- (a) panacea (b) penecea
(c) panacia (d) panacya

14. Choose the correct conjunction for each sentence.

_____ my best friend Hasan is five years older than me, he looks very young.

- (a) Until (b) When
(c) Although (d) Because

15. In the question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

After a _____ three months of stock market activity, the price of bonds _____ last week.

- (a) tumultuous, stabilised
(b) hectic, fell
(c) variety, surged
(d) continuous, soared

ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATIONS

1. (c) The word 'moss' symbolizes inactivity and lack of progress. A rolling stone keeps moving, avoiding such stagnation.
2. (b) The phrasal verb 'narrowed down' means 'remove less important options to make it easier to choose'. 'Opted for' means 'to choose'; 'nailed down' means 'succeed or achieve something'; 'passed out' means 'distribute' and 'passed away' means 'die'. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.
3. (a) Q will be the first sentence as it gives an introduction to the paragraph that talks about 'Time'. Only option (a) starts with Q; so, it will be the answer.
4. (d) In passive voice the focus shifts to object being acted upon. The construction of the sentence emphasizes the safety aspect and removes the agent (year) performing the action.
5. (a) 'Rushing river' completes the metaphor. It creates a vivid image of being overwhelmed by a constant flow of work, similar to being swept away by a strong current.
6. (a) "If I were you" is the correct formation as per the conditional rules.
7. (d) The word **treacherous** means 'presenting hidden or unpredictable dangers'. **Perilous** means 'full of danger or risk'; **mutinous** means 'wilful or disobedient'; **sedition** means 'inciting or causing people to rebel against the authority of a state or monarch' and **secure** means 'certain to remain safe and unthreatened'. Thus, **secure** is the antonym of **treacherous**.
8. (c) Exemplary means commendable, ideal and admirable etc. thus, option (c) i.e. ideal is the correct answer.
9. (a) When we talk about a deadline for a future event, we use 'by'. We use 'until' when we talk about a continuous process that will stop in the future.
10. (c) isn't he
11. (a) 'Respectful' is the most appropriate choice because libraries are places where quiet is expected. It indicates consideration for others.
12. (a) The past participle "written" is needed because the action of writing happened before Sarah's exhaustion and satisfaction.
13. (a) panacea
14. (c) 'Although' is a conjunction used to introduce a contrasting clause.
15. (b) Hectic and fell are the correct options to be filled in here.