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English

Chapter : Passage

Direction:-(1-5)

A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Many plays and films have depicted the life story of Gautama Buddha, but what made the musical play The Way Across unique was its regional focus. Directed by G. Kumara Swamy, the play adapted from the book Telangana lo Buddhism focused on the enlightenment of a cursed Brahmin Bawari and his 16 curious disciples willing to understand the deeper truths of birth, death, rebirth and brotherhood. From the impressive use of projector visuals, music and shadow-play, there was every effort to lend authenticity to the theme. Despite the play's focus on Telangana, the native essence was compromised, due to the English rendition (done for a wider reach). The lines appeared jaded with literal translations. The honest performances from the crew impacted only on a surface-level. Kiran Kumar's Bawari act and Krishna Chaitanya Joshi as Pingiya (said to have propagated Buddhism from Telangana to several regions across South India) grab your attention.

(1) What was sacrificed to keep the play in English?**-22AUG-S2 : 96**

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (a) A wider audience | (b) Authenticity |
| (c) Depiction of reality essence | (d) A bit of native essence |

(2) What was unique about the play, 'The Way Across'?**-22AUG-S2 : 97**

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Story line | (b) Regional focus |
| (c) It was a musical | (d) It was in English |

(3) Kiran Kumar played the role of the _____.**-22AUG-S2 : 98**

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) Buddha's disciple | (b) Gautama Buddha |
| (c) Pingiya | (d) Cursed Brahmin Bawari |

(4) Who helped spread Buddhism to South India?**-22AUG-S2 : 99**

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) Bawari | (b) Buddha's 16 disciples |
| (c) Telangana Buddhists | (d) Pingiya |

(5) Who directed the play, 'The Way Across'?**-22AUG-S2 : 100**

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| (a) Kiran Kumar | (b) G. Kumara Swamy |
| (c) Chaitanya Joshi | (d) Bawari |

Direction:-(6-10)

A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Manja, or the glass-coated string used for flying kites, not only poses threat to humans, animals and birds but also to trees. A study by the country's oldest botanical garden has revealed that it poses a great threat to trees. But how can a snapped string struck in a tree kill the tree? Apparently, it does so by allying with the creepers in the garden.

A research paper by three scientists of the Acharya Jagdish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden, located in West Bengal's Howrah district, illustrates in detail how the manja, in collusion with climbers, does the damage. "The abandoned, torn kite strings act as an excellent primary supporting platform for the tender climbers, giving easy passage to reach the top of the trees. Lateral branches from the top of the climber and other accessory branches from the ground reaches the top taking support of the first climber, completely covers the treetop, thus inhibiting the

penetration of sunlight," says the research paper.

(6) **Abandoned, torn kite strings stuck in trees benefits whom?**

-21AUG-S3 : 96

- (a) Humans
- (b) Creepers
- (c) Birds
- (d) Trees

(7) **How many scientists contributed to a study by country's oldest botanical gardens on how manja can kill a tree?**

-21AUG-S3 : 97

- (a) Two
- (b) Three
- (c) Five
- (d) Four

(8) **How can a tree be killed by a creeper?**

-21AUG-S3 : 98

- (a) By blocking its access to sunlight
- (b) By wrapping its tentacles around its branches
- (c) By sucking away the nutrients
- (d) By secreting toxic chemicals

(9) **What would be the acronym for India's oldest botanical garden?**

-21AUG-S3 : 99

- (a) AJCBIBG
- (b) AJCBBGI
- (c) AJBCIBG
- (d) AJBCBGI

(10) **What gives easy passage to 'climbers' to top of the trees?**

-21AUG-S3 : 100

- (a) Creepers
- (b) Torn kites
- (c) Lateral branches
- (d) Manja

Direction : (11-15)

A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Prebiotics are the lesser known gut health promoters which serve as food for good bacteria inside the gut. "We found that dietary prebiotics can improve nonREM (random eye movement) sleep, as well as REM sleep after a stressful event," said Robert Thompson, a PhD researcher at University of Colorado Boulder in the U.S. Prebiotics are dietary fibres found

naturally in foods like artichokes, raw garlic, leeks and onions.

When beneficial bacteria digest prebiotic fibre, they not only multiply, improving overall gut health, but they also release metabolic byproducts. Researchers fed threeweekold male rats a diet of either standard chow or chow that included prebiotics. They then monitored the rats' body temperature, gut bacteria and sleepwake cycles — using electroencephalogram (EEG), or brain activity testing over time. Findings revealed that the rats on the prebiotic diet spent more time in nonrapideyemovement (NREM) sleep, which is restful and restorative, than those on the nonprebiotic diet.

(11) **What are prebiotics?**

-17AUG-S1 : 96

- (a) Dietary fibres
- (b) Bacteria
- (c) Foods like artichokes
- (d) Gut microbiota

(12) **What type of sleep is restorative?**

-17AUG-S1 : 97

- (a) NREM
- (b) REM
- (c) EEG
- (d) ECG

(13) **How are metabolic byproducts released?**

-17AUG-S1 : 98

- (a) When good bacteria help sleep
- (b) When good bacteria digest dietary fibres
- (c) When gut becomes rich in nutrients
- (d) After recovery from stress due to sleep

(14) **How can sleep wake cycles be monitored?**

-17AUG-S1 : 99

- (a) By testing brain power
- (b) By allowing REM and NREM sleep
- (c) By using EEG
- (d) By recording body temperature

(15) **What is chow?**

-17AUG-S1 : 100

- (a) Type of dietary fibre
- (b) A class of nutrients
- (c) Rat food

(d) Sleep enhancer

Direction : (16-20)

A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Due to poor rainfall over the past few months, the vadu mangai season is expected to be short this year. There are two distinct varieties available in the vicinity of Coimbatore. The closest to Coimbatore, and the one that appears in the markets first, is the Thadagam variety. The second and more popular variety is the one from the Thirumoorthy Hills, near Udumalpet. Representatives from commercial pickle brands whisk these mangais away in big lots directly from the wholesalers. Only a small portion of the year's harvest trickles down to the local markets. Small vendors bring sacks full of these tiny tender mangoes to one particular street corner in Ram Nagar during the season. The corner of Rajaji Road and Sathyamurthy Road plays host to these vendors from as early as 7.00 am every day. Depending on the quantity they have, the mangais are available until around 11.00 am. If the vendors have a good day and their produce is sold quickly, they pack up and leave even as early as 9.00 am.

(16) What do you think 'Thadagam' is from the passage?

-20AUG-S1 : 96

- (a) A Festival celebrated in Coimbatore.
- (b) A variety of vadu mangai mangoes.
- (c) A word for 'monsoon' in the local language.
- (d) A variety of mango pickle.

(17) **Why do local markets get only a small portion of the mango produce?**

-20AUG-S1 : 97

- (a) Commercial pickle companies buy the mangoes in huge quantities.
- (b) The mangoes get sold as quickly as 9.00 am.
- (c) There are only three vendors in the local market.
- (d) The sellers of the local market are just small vendors.

(18) **What may happen if there is adequate rainfall?**

-20AUG-S1 : 98

- (a) Local vendors will get fewer mangoes.
- (b) The vadu mangai season will be longer than year.
- (c) Commercial pickle companies will buy in smaller quantities.

(d) Vendors will be able to sell quickly.

(19) **The more popular vadu mangai mangoes are from:**

-20AUG-S1 : 99

- (a) Udumalpet
- (b) Coimbatore
- (c) Thirumoorthy Hills
- (d) Ram Nagar

(20) **Which of the following best describes the vadu mangai mangoes?**

-20AUG-S1 : 100

- (a) Big and juicy
- (b) Orange but raw
- (c) Tiny and tender
- (d) Sour and sweet

Direction : (21-25) A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

My coat's pretty warm, even though it cost £9.99 and came from the flea market. It had a label in it, CHRISTIN BIOR, but I cut it out as soon as I got home. You can't work where I work and have CHRISTIN BIOR in your coat. You could have a genuine vintage Christian Dior label. Or something Japanese. Or maybe no label because you make your clothes yourself out of retro fabrics that you source at Alfies Antiques. But not CHRISTIN BIOR.

As I get near Catford Bridge, I start to feel a knot of tension. I really don't want to be late today. My boss has started throwing all sorts of hissy fits about people "swanning in at all times" so I left an extra twenty minutes early, in case it was a bad day. I can already see: It's a god-awful day. They've been having a lot of problems on our line recently and keep cancelling trains with no warning. Trouble is, in London rush hour, you can't just cancel trains. What are all the people who were planning to get on that train supposed to do? Evaporate?

(21) What aspect of the coat she wanted to hide?

-20AUG-S2 : 96

- (a) That it was too warm.
- (b) That it was a cheap copy.
- (c) That it was expensive.
- (d) That it was from a luxury market.

(22) The author would prefer to be seen wearing all of the following types of clothes, except?

-20AUG-S2 : 97

- (a) Those with the Christian Dior label.
- (b) Any Japanese brand.

- (c) Clothes stitched by herself.
(d) Those with the CHRISTIN BIOR label.

(23) Why is her boss angry?

-20AUG-S2 : 98

- (a) Because he has started suffering from fits.
(b) Because it is a bad day.
(c) Because she was late the day before.
(d) Because employees are coming late to work.

(24) What has been the problem with London trains lately?

-20AUG-S2 : 99

- (a) The trains have become awful.
(b) There are more trains during rush hour.
(c) People are late to work because of train delays.
(d) Trains are cancelled without prior intimation.

(25) Which of the following situations creates a 'bad day' for the author?

-20AUG-S2 : 100

- (a) Being caught wearing a cheap brand coat.
(b) Cancelled trains during London rush hour.
(c) When other employees are on time but she is late.
(d) Having to spend money on expensive clothes.

Direction : (26-30)

A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

But before I could be inspired by these amazing people, I had to cleanse my feed. I know my weaknesses: just last week, Facebook memories reminded me of a pizza party I'd had two years ago and I ended up ordering a chicken dominator, with garlic breadsticks and an jalapeno cheese dip. So much for Day One of Couch to 5K training. I stayed right on that couch. So far I've unfollowed BuzzFeed Tasty, TasteMade (even their adorable Tiny Kitchen) and several people who have the enviable advantage of being able to eat as much as they want and not put on weight. By my calculations, dark chocolate is healthy, so I'm still following Earth Loaf, Pascati and Mason & Co.

When I finally found a gym I liked, with the best trainers I have had, I unabashedly shared my workouts every day. From shying away from full-length pictures, I reached a point where I could share videos of myself deadlifting and doing back squats with a barbell across my shoulders. It gave me accountability: I challenged myself to go to the gym for 30 classes

straight, and I did it. Which reminds me, it's time to start a new challenge.

(26) Posts related to which topic does the writer want to remove from her feed?

-21AUG-S1 : 96

- (a) Dark Chocolate
(b) Make-up
(c) Sari
(d) Food

(27) What has the writer succeeded in doing?

-21AUG-S1 : 97

- (a) Lost the desired weight
(b) Succeeded in overcoming temptations to order pizzas
(c) Attended 30 gym classes without a break
(d) Removed unhealthy posts including about chocolates

(28) Which of the following is a page related to chocolate?

-21AUG-S1 : 98

- (a) Earth Loaf
(b) BuzzFeed Tasty
(c) TasteMade
(d) Tiny Kitchen

(29) What weight loss program has the writer enrolled in?

-21AUG-S1 : 99

- (a) 30 Straight gym classes
(b) Couch to 5K
(c) Mason & Co
(d) Eat chocolate to lose weight

(30) What gave the writer accountability?

-21AUG-S1 : 100

- (a) Sharing her workout videos on social media
(b) Unfollowing people and pages not related to health
(c) Going to the gym daily
(d) Doing challenging exercises like deadlifting

Direction : (31-35)

A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Genetic variation is the cornerstone of evolution, without which there can be no natural selection, and so a low genetic diversity decreases the ability of a species to survive and reproduce, explains lead author Yoshan Moodley, Professor at the Department of Zoology, University of Venda in South Africa. Two centuries ago, the black rhinoceros – which roamed much of sub Saharan Africa – had 64 different genetic lineages; but today only 20 of these lineages remain, says the paper. The species is now restricted to five countries, South Africa, Namibia, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Tanzania. Genetically unique populations that once existed in Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Mozambique, Malawi and Angola have disappeared. The origins of the 'genetic erosion' coincided with colonial rule in Africa and the popularity of big game hunting. From the second half of the 20th century, however, poaching for horns has dramatically depleted their population and genetic diversity, especially in Kenya and Tanzania.

(31) What is important for evolution?

-21AUG-S2 : 96

- (a) Genetic variation
- (b) Large population
- (c) Mixing of species
- (d) Survival of the fittest

(32) Sub Sharan Africa has lost how many black rhino genetic lineages in 200 years?

-21AUG-S2 : 97

- (a) 64
- (b) 20
- (c) 44
- (d) 30

(33) Genetically unique black rhinoceros has been lost in all of the following countries, except?

-21AUG-S2 : 98

- (a) Tanzania
- (b) Nigeria
- (c) Chad
- (d) Malawi

(34) From the second half of the 20th century what has caused a dramatic fall in black rhinoceros population?

-21AUG-S2 : 99

- (a) poaching
- (b) colonial rule
- (c) big game hunting
- (d) fall in genetic diversity

(35) Genetic diversity is proportional to _____.

-21AUG-S2 : 100

- (a) species population
- (b) the ability of a species to survive and reproduce
- (c) inbreeding
- (d) extinction

Direction : (36-40) A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Everyone expected Mary Zophres to win for her retro-revival Technicolor clothes in La La Land — the eventual winner, Colleen Atwood for Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, seemed surprised too. But as other awards began to slip away from the well-reviewed musical, a theme could be teased out. What is Fantastic Beasts if not a plea for equal treatment of people, magical or otherwise? Then, Arrival, a film about the inherent benignity of aliens (read immigrants) won for Best Sound Editing. Hacksaw Ridge, which is, in a way, an anti-guns movie, won in two categories. Fences, about an African-American father who fears racial discrimination, took home the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress. Earlier, Moonlight, featuring two minority communities (black and gay), won for Best Supporting Actor. This turned out to be one of those years the Oscar voter was underestimated. As a majority of voters are actors, there was the tendency to think they'd reward La La Land, a celebration of creation: the heroine wants to make movies, the hero wants to make jazz. It looked like the year of The Artist all over again.

(36) Colleen Atwood won which Award?

-22AUG-S1 : 96

- (a) Best Costume Design for La La Land
- (b) Best Supporting Actor for Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
- (c) Best Supporting Actor for La La Land
- (d) Best Costume Design for Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

(37) What does the lead female actor in La La Land want to do?

-22AUG-S1 : 97

- (a) Make jazz
- (b) Make movies
- (c) Make music

(d) Make magic

(38) Which of the following movies is about kindness of Aliens?

-22AUG-S1 : 98

- (a) Hacksa w Ridge
- (b) Arrival
- (c) Fences
- (d) Moonlig ht

(39) Why was it assumed that La La Land would win a lot of awards?

-22AUG-S1 : 99

- (a) Becaus e the movie celebrates creation
- (b) Because majority of voters are actors
- (c) Because it is a movie about making m ovies and jazz
- (d) Because it is a retro-revival Technicolor movie

(40)

Which movie for sure won two awards?

-22AUG-S1 : 100

- (a) Arrival
- (b) Fences
- (c) Moonlig ht
- (d) Hacksaw Ridge

Direction : (41-45) A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

I had seen this road many years ago when my parents moved to Mundakotukurussi, our ancestral village.

However, in those early years, I hadn't begun exploring the countryside. I stored the unknown road in my head under 'One Day I Will'. Ten years ago, when I recovered from a herniated disc, it was to discover that I had a useless left leg. Though I managed to lose the limp, I hated not being able to stride around as I used to. I needed a challenge to tell myself that I wasn't going to buckle to a creature called sciatica. Thus the 'One Day I Will' arrived.

"Where does the road by the medical shop lead to?" I asked my parents while visiting them next.

"Chalavara," they said. "It's not an easy road to walk on," my father added. "There are too many ups and downs." Chalavara was a superior grade of a village as compared to Mundakotukurussi, with a high school, a fine library, ATMs and several shops. But it also has two approach roads. The one I had chosen was a narrow back road used by the locals and that settled it for me. I needed to know for myself I could

walk a road that wasn't going to be easy. And the next day, I would get up and walk that road again.

(41) What is 'sciatica'?

-06AUG-S1 : 96

- (a) A type of animal
- (b) Name of a real p lace
- (c) Name of an imaginar y place
- (d) A herniated disc

(42) Where did the forefathers of the writer live?

-06AUG-S1 : 97

- (a) Chalav ara
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Mundakotukurussi
- (d) Out of India

(43) What disability did the writer suffer due to the herniated disc?

-06AUG-S1 : 98

- (a) A useless left leg
- (b) Depression
- (c) Loss of memory
- (d) Poor visibility

(44) One Day I Will is the title of?

-06AUG-S1 : 99

- (a) A village
- (b) The unknown own road
- (c) A tourist place
- (d) A path famous with

(45) What makes Chalavara better than Mundakotukurussi?

-06AUG-S1 : 100

- (a) It has a high school, a fine library, ATMs and several shops
- (b) It is the place where the writer's ancestors were born
- (c) It is the place where the writer went to school
- (d) It is the place where the writer would walk wh en he was young

Direction : (46-50) A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

The flora and fauna of Cubbon Park captures our attention more than anything else. But when you take

time to look closely at the statue, you will marvel at its sheer grandeur. Sculpted by Sir Thomas Brock, the 11 feet high marble statue is larger than life. It brings out the personality of Queen Victoria, who had been the Monarch of Great Britain from 1837 till 1901, depicting a rather proud, stern person with pronounced features.

In 1906, the statue was unveiled in the city by George Frederick Ernest Albert, Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall and York, making it stand in all its glory in its 111th year. Even though there is a wealth of history to the statue, and it was made to appear imposing, the busy Bengalese would probably refer to it as just another landmark. As the workers are busy in discussion on the instructions given to them, life continues as usual in the Park.

(46) Queen Victoria ruled Great Britain for how many years?

-20AUG-S3 : 96

- (a) 64 years
- (b) 34 years
- (c) 54 years
- (d) 44 years

(47) How many people unveiled the Queen Victoria statue at Cubbon Park?

-20AUG-S3 : 97

- (a) One
- (b) Six
- (c) Four
- (d) Two

(48) The Bengalese would refer to the Queen Victoria statue as _____.

-20AUG-S3 : 98

- (a) wealth of history
- (b) a landmark
- (c) Symbol of British rule
- (d) Bengaluru culture

(49) Queen Victoria had all of the following traits, except _____.

-20AUG-S3 : 99

- (a) proud
- (b) generous
- (c) stern
- (d) pronounced features

(50)

Which of the following is false regarding the Queen Victoria statue in Bengaluru?

-20AUG-S3 : 100

- (a) It is made of marble

- (b) It is 11 feet tall
- (c) It is 111 years old
- (d) It is standing in park Queen Victoria

Solution

(6)

The abandoned, torn kite strings act as an excellent primary supporting platform for the tender climbers, giving easy passage to reach the top of the trees. This line implies that creepers benefit from torn strings. Thus, creepers is the correct answer.

(7)

"A research paper by three.....". Thus, three scientists contributed to a study by country's oldest botanical gardens on how manja can kill a tree. Hence, option B is correct.

(8)

Lateral branches from the top of the climber and the other accessory branches from the ground reaches the top taking support of the first climber, completely covers the treetop, thus the penetration of sunlight.

(9)

Acharya Jagdish Chandra Bose Indian Garden-AJCBIG.

(10)

"The abandoned, torn kite string". Abandoned torn kite string is the Manja. Thus, option D is correct.

Answer Key

1	D	2	B	3	D	4	D	5	B
6	B	7	B	8	A	9	A	10	D
11	A	12	A	13	B	14	C	15	C
16	B	17	A	18	B	19	C	20	C
21	B	22	D	23	D	24	D	25	B
26	D	27	C	28	A	29	B	30	A
31	A	32	C	33	A	34	A	35	B
36	D	37	B	38	B	39	B	40	D

41	D	42	C	43	A	44	B	45	A
46	A	47	D	48	B	49	B	50	D



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