

Read the passage below. It contains blank spaces numbered 1 to 15. For each blank space, choose the **best** alternative from the choices given.

We sometimes go to bed with some worry 1 our minds and when we wake up, 2 we remember that the worry of the previous day is yet to be 3. As the day progresses, we strive to solve that specific worry 4 at the same time, we create 5. Some of them need more urgent solutions so we 6 the previous one with 7 that once we solve the urgent ones, those others would 8 get solved or even solve themselves. This is 9 we seem to be busy, worried, in a hurry or stressed 10 the time we wake up to when we retire to bed.

What we should be keen 11 is the cause of what worries us. There are worries which we can solve while 12, can be solved by others in an easier way than ourselves. Sometimes we fail to find solutions to our problems because we make them 13 than they actually are or simply because we do not confide 14 others so they end up being our secrets but the moment we 15 up, we get relieved instantly.

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| 1. | A. on | B. by | C. in | D. around |
| 2. | A. hurriedly | B. immediately | C. slowly | D. interestingly |
| 3. | A. done | B. resolved | C. cleared | D. finished |
| 4. | A. but | B. then | C. and | D. since |
| 5. | A. other | B. any | C. some | D. none |
| 6. | A. stop | B. do | C. shelve | D. try |
| 7. | A. hope | B. memory | C. wish | D. plan |
| 8. | A. certainly | B. somehow | C. normally | D. finally |
| 9. | A. how | B. when | C. where | D. why |
| 10. | A. between | B. before | C. from | D. after |
| 11. | A. with | B. about | C. across | D. within |
| 12. | A. all | B. any | C. none | D. others |
| 13. | A. bigger | B. wider | C. increase | D. grow |
| 14. | A. for | B. of | C. in | D. with |
| 15. | A. share | B. open | C. give | D. speak |

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In questions 16 and 18, choose the alternative that means the **opposite** of the underlined word.

16. My friend tells very interesting stories.

- A. funny
- B. humorous
- C. boring
- D. sad

17. Our new neighbour is very generous.

- A. unkind
- B. mean
- C. polite
- D. rich

18. The butchery near our home sells very tender meat.

- A. hard
- B. soft
- C. tasty
- D. tough

For questions 19 to 22, select the best alternative to fill the blank space.

19. The old lady had _____ in bed for days before being taken to the hospital.

- A. lain
- B. laid
- C. lied
- D. lay

20. Alice likes wearing her _____ dress.

- A. new cotton red
- B. new red cotton
- C. cotton red new
- D. red new cotton

21. Rehema and Jesca shared the loaf of bread _____ themselves.

- A. between
- B. for
- C. to
- D. among

22. They arrived at school very early.

- A. did they
- B. don't they
- C. didn't they
- D. isn't it

In questions 23 to 25, choose the alternative that means the **same** as the sentence given.

23. Neither Rosa nor Daudi heard the thunder noise.

- A. Both Rosa and Daudi heard the thunder.
- B. Rosa heard the thunder but Daudi did not.
- C. Daudi heard the thunder but Rosa did not.
- D. Both Rosa and Daudi did not hear the thunder.

24. "I met my mother on her way to the grocery," said Mark.

- A. Mark said that he met his mother on her way to the grocery.
- B. Mark said that he met her mother on his way to the grocery.
- C. Mark said that he met his mother on his way to the grocery.
- D. Mark said that she met his mother on her way to the grocery.

25. No sooner had the police arrived than the crowd dispersed.

- A. As soon as the crowd dispersed, the police arrived.
- B. The crowd dispersed immediately the police arrived.
- C. The police arrived just before the crowd dispersed.
- D. The police arrived and then the crowd dispersed.

Read the passage below and then answer questions 26 to 38.

Many people always believed that Ranudi was a mad man. His clothes were ever dirty and torn. He rarely looked tidy so no one could tell if he ever took a shower or not. Whenever a joke was cracked, he would laugh longer than others. Of course, a number of people would laugh at the joke then extend it by laughing at Ranudi's laughter. These and a few more issues made many believe that he was somehow abnormal. However, he surprised many by having a very sharp memory; at times even sharper than those who criticised him.

Ranudi entered Toro's home with his big gunny-bag on his back. The bag rarely interested anyone because those who had inspected it in the past said he carried nothing worth being talked about. He actually picked whatever he felt was good enough, moved with it from one place to another as he added more and disposed of others at will. So the bag's contents were almost uniform in quantity.

Toro's home was teeming with visitors from his in-laws. Everybody, young and old, was expected to behave well while the visitors were there. Ranudi was aware of this and so, he avoided the house where the visitors were and instead joined the elderly under the mango tree for he was sure food would be availed there. As they waited, they told stories, a mixture of past experiences and current affairs, based on their tradition. When the food was finally brought, **it did not disappoint**. Even those who were known to grumble at the quantity of food availed were left smiling.

The visitors finished their business and left. It was not acceptable to leave immediately after the visitors and it was during this period that Genda brought the shocking news: Musa's house had been broken into the previous day and a number of items stolen, including his transistor radio. Everybody became quiet and concerned but to their surprise, Ranudi broke into one of those his never-ending laughs, leaving them baffled.

"What is laughable in this?" one of them asked. Instead of responding, it triggered him to laugh even more and louder and a few joined in. When he was through, he told them, "I've eaten well and I need to go and sleep. Go and tell Tulo to give you the radio, he has it. He can also help you get the other items if you **persuade** him," he said, picked his gunny-bag and walked away.

Just to confirm, four men instantly left for Tulo's home but they did not find him. His wife was sitting under a tree, listening to the radio. They politely greeted her then asked for Tulo but when they were told he was away but could be back any minute, she sat down patiently to wait for him. When the woman suggested that she makes them a cup of tea, they all declined. They talked little as they listened to the radio.

26. Many people believed that Ranudi was a mad man because
- he was the only mad man they knew.
 - he never bathed or washed his clothes.
 - of the gunny-bag that he carried all the time.
 - of a number of issues about him.
27. Why was Ranudi's laughter peculiar?
- It was common with mad people.
 - He made it longer intentionally.
 - It was his natural way of laughing.
 - He always wanted to keep others amused.
28. Those who laughed at Ranudi's laughter
- did it out of amusement.
 - felt he should not laugh alone.
 - knew he was not mentally stable.
 - wanted more people to laugh too.
29. What was almost unbelievable about Ranudi?
- He made people to laugh with him.
 - He had very good memory.
 - He never left his gunny-bag behind.
 - No one ever knew where or when he bathed.
30. Why was Ranudi's bag never full?
- He was unable to get enough items.
 - He was constantly on the move.
 - People kept inspecting whatever he carried.
 - As he put in things, he removed others.
31. The people who came to Toro's home
- expected to meet Ranudi there.
 - were simply interested in the food.
 - knew what was expected of them.
 - talked to the visitors politely.
32. Which of the following shows that Ranudi wasn't really mentally challenged?
- His behaviour at Toro's home.
 - The time he arrived at Toro's home.
 - He never lost his gunny-bag.
 - The way he laughed at jokes.
33. The expression, "it did not disappoint" as used in the passage means
- the visitors had eaten the same food.
 - they were served at the right time.
 - it was adequate in quantity.
 - people did not fight over it.
34. Genda brought the news about the theft to Toro's home
- because the food was very good.
 - since he believed the thief was among them.
 - as he had been sent by Musa.
 - just to alert them in case.
35. Why did Ranudi laugh at Genda's report?
- He realised they were not as clever as he had thought.
 - It made him remember something he had seen.
 - He intended to amuse them as usual.
 - Everybody expected him to laugh anyway.
36. The word "persuade" as used in the second last paragraph means
- plead
 - confirm
 - convince
 - confess
37. Why do you think did Tulo's wife want to prepare some tea?
- It was a normal way of welcoming visitors.
 - To make them want to leave quickly.
 - So that they could listen to the radio.
 - To make them be lenient to Tulo.
38. In the end, we learn that
- the men recovered all the stolen items.
 - Tulo never returned to his home.
 - Tulo's wife gave back the stolen radios.
 - Tulo's wife did not prepare the tea.

Read the passage below and then answer questions 39 to 50

Camels are sometimes called 'The ship of the desert'. This is because they carry lots of things through the desert. They are mammals.

What is inside a camel's hump? Most people think it is water but they are wrong. It is fat. That gives the camels energy if they run out of food. A camel will spit and kick when provoked. Camels do not really spit but are actually bringing the contents of their stomachs along with saliva and project it out. They do this to scare or distract whatever it is that is threatening them. The spit is vomit! Not nice.

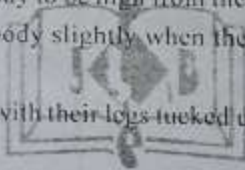
Camels live an average of forty to fifty years. A large camel can drink around 113 litres of water in just 13 minutes, making them able to rehydrate faster than any other mammal.

Large eye lashes, ear hair and closable nostrils keep sand from affecting the camel while their wide feet help them move without sinking into the sand. Camels can also close their nostrils for longer time than all other mammals.

Camels are well-suited to the hot sandy deserts they roam in. Their thick coat insulates them from heat and also lightens during summer to help them reflect heat from the sun. When camels walk, they move both legs on one side of the body and then the other. Their feet are also flat and wide. Both of these features help them from sinking into the sand.

A camel's long legs help its body to be high from the hot desert surface and a pad of thick tissue called a pedestal raises the body slightly when the camel sits to allow cool air to pass underneath.

Camels rest while lying down with their legs tucked under them. It is a unique fashion that you will rarely see in other animals.



39. Camels are called 'The ship of the desert' due to
- their ability to live in the desert.
 - how useful they are in the desert.
 - how long they can stay alive in the desert.
 - the distance they can walk.
40. Those who believe that a camel's hump contains water are
- ignorant
 - liars
 - confused
 - illiterate
41. The fat in a camel's hump
- stores the energy it uses.
 - enables it to carry heavy load.
 - makes it to survive in the desert.
 - reduces the amount of food it eats.
42. For one to see the spit of a camel, he has to
- keep it hungry for long.
 - overload it grossly.
 - give it less food than it needs.
 - frighten it or make it angry.
43. The period of forty to fifty years is
- added to make how long a camel can live.
 - the only time that a camel cannot die.
 - the minimum and maximum a camel can live.
 - the period a camel can decide to live.
44. The large eye lashes, ear hair and closable nostrils
- makes the harsh desert conditions bearable.
 - enables camels to live for 40-50 years.
 - give camels energy when it lacks food.
 - are unnecessary for the camel.
45. Camels are the **only** creatures which can
- drink water.
 - carry load in the desert.
 - walk on sand.
 - close their nostrils.
46. Why do you think would a camel close the nostrils for a long time?
- anytime it feels tired and stressed.
 - when wind blows sand towards it.
 - to make it cover a long distance with load.
 - so that it stays alive with less food.
47. If camels' feet were like the hooves of a cow, they would
- carry less load.
 - drink less water.
 - not move on sand.
 - not get tired faster.
48. What is the main use of the camel's pedestal?
- stops it from sinking in the sand.
 - makes the camel become taller than it is.
 - cools the air that passes below it.
 - makes the camel feel cooler when resting.
49. If you passed near a camel resting, you are
- not likely to see its feet.
 - certain to provoke it.
 - likely to confuse it with other mammals.
 - certain to make it stand up.
50. The **best** title for this passage would be
- Survival tactics of animals.
 - Mammals that live for a long time.
 - How camels survive in the desert.
 - What makes the camels to become the ship of the desert.