

## Important PSTET English Question and Answers with Solution

**Directions (1-9):** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct/most appropriate options:

- Uttarakhand, the birthplace of India's major rivers like the Ganga and the Yamuna and home to the Himalaya ranges, is rapidly losing its forest land to commercial activities. Data of over 70% forest land, has lost about 50000 hectares (ha) of its forest various development activities in the past 20 years.
- The top six activities for which around 21207 hectares of forest land in the state has been diverted are mining, water pipelines and irrigation. The highest amount of forest cover has been lost to mining (8760 ha) followed by road construction (7539 ha), power distribution lines (2332 ha) and hydropower plants (2295 ha). Other smaller activities together claimed 20,998 hectares of forest cover. The other activities comprise laying down of optical fiber, railways, defense work, construction of buildings etc.
- A district-wise analysis (from November 2000 to March 2020) shows that Dehradun (21, 303 ha) lost the maximum forest area, followed by Haridwar which lost 6826 hectares, Chamoli (3636 ha), Tehri (2457 ha) and Pithoragarh (2, 451 ha). This diversion of forest land for commercial activities is alarming when seen in the backdrop of the latest report of the forest survey of India (2019).
- Doon-based environmentalist Anil Joshi said, "How can we ask for green bonus form the center when we are not sensitive about our green cover?" Uttarakhand's forest cover is spread over around 38000 sq km, which is 70% of the state's geographical area. It has 112 species of trees 73 species of shrubs and 94 species of herbs, all of which scientist say, are facing the heat of development activities.

**Q1.** The writer's main purpose in the report is do describe

- the scenic beauty of Uttarakhand.
- focus on the huge loss of forest cover.
- highlight the development activities in the state.
- draw attention to lack of employment in the state.

- A
- B
- C
- D

**Q2.** Select the option that shows that Uttarakhand is a unique state according to the passage.

- It has a salubrious climate
- It is home to the Himalayan range
- It has a rich cultural life
- it is the birthplace of the Ganga and the Yamuna

- A
- B
- C
- D

**Q3.** Which of the following activities has caused the maximum forest loss in Uttarakhand?

- Hydropower plants
- Mining activities
- Road construction
- Power distribution lines

- A
- B
- C
- D

**Q4.** The term 'optical fibers' is associated with

- information technology
- mining activities
- road construction
- hydropower plants

- A
- B
- C
- D

**Q5.** According to the author, development activities are playing havoc with

- a settled way of life.
- peoples health.
- Uttarakhand's environment.
- traditional Values.

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q6.** Which of the following words is most similar in meaning to the word 'various' in para 1?

- (a) useful
- (b) uniform
- (c) different
- (d) connected

**Q7.** Which of the following words is opposite in meaning to the word, 'alarming' used in para3?

- A. confounding
- B. comforting
- C. distracting
- D. electrifying

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q8.** Which part of speech is the underlined word in the sentence given below? 'Uttarakhand is the birthplace of India's major rivers'

- A. Noun
- B. Adjective
- C. Adverb
- D. Pronoun

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q9.**

Which part of the sentence given below contains an error?

He congratulated      his sister  
 A                                  B

For her success      in the examination.  
 C                                  D

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Directions (10 -15):** Read the extract given below and answer the questions by selecting the correct/ most appropriate options:

There will come soft rains and the smell of the ground,  
 And swallows circling with their shimmering rounds;

And frogs in the pools singing at night,  
 And wild-plum trees in their tremulous white.  
 Robins will wear their feathery fire,  
 Whistling their whims on a low-fence wire;  
 And not one will know of the war, not one  
 Will come at last when it is done.  
 Not one would mind neither bird nor tree,  
 If mankind perished utterly;  
 And Spring herself, when she woke at dawn  
 Would scarcely know that we were gone.

**Q10.** The natural world as described in the poem is

- A. engaged a bitter struggle for survival.
- B. totally indifferent to human survival.
- C. basking in the glory of its surrounding.
- D. described as cold and blind

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q11.** The word "it" in the line: 'When it is done' refers to

- A. the end of the day.
- B. spring.
- C. war.
- D. the assigned job.

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q12.** The beauty of the human world is marred by

- A. uncertainties of life
- B. human problems
- C. natural disasters
- D. struggle and conflicts

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q13.** Read the following statement:

- A. There is peace and harmony in nature.
  - B. Brutality of war has no effect on nature.
1. A is true and B is false.
  2. B is true and A is false.
  3. Both A and B are false.
  4. Both A and B are true.

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q14.** Identify and name the figure of speech used in line number 6?

- A. Simile
- B. Alliteration
- C. Irony
- D. Metonymy

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q15.** Which figure of speech has been used in the following lines?

“And Spring herself, when she worked dawn,  
Would scarcely know that we were gone”.

- A. Metaphor
- B. Irony
- C. Personification
- D. Metonymy

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q16.** According to Chomsky, ‘set of rules in the mind of humans’ is known as

- A. grammar box
- B. universal grammar
- C. integrated grammar
- D. rule book

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q17.** ‘Language is a social concept’, this includes the idea that language is

- A. acquired through social interaction
- B. inherited
- C. learnt through conditioning
- D. innate capacity

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q18.** Which of the following is not related to the behaviorist theory of language acquisition?

- A. Operant conditioning
- B. Empty vessel
- C. Trial and error
- D. Social interaction

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q19.** Cognitive theory of language development supports that language is

- A. innate capacity of an individual
- B. learnt through reward and punishment
- C. learnt through interaction with in the society
- D. dependent on child’s understanding of the concept before verbalizing it

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q20.** Which of the following are not related to emergent literacy?

- A. Understanding that print carry meaning
- B. Early phonological awareness
- C. Basic alphabet knowledge
- D. Note making

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q21.** Which of the following statements is a strategy for developing reading skills? Choose the correct answer.

- A. Developing reading corners in the class help in developing reading skills
- B. Making children sit in pairs and asking them to discuss about their likes and dislikes

1. Both A and B are correct
2. A is correct and B is incorrect
3. B is correct and A is incorrect
4. Both A and B are incorrect

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q22.** Incidental vocabulary learning takes place when children acquire vocabulary through

- A. listing to books read aloud to them
- B. teaching word learning strategies in isolation.
- C. teaching specific words for understanding of texts containing the words
- D. making them learn meaning of new words selected by teacher

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q23.** Audience and purpose of writing are identified during \_\_\_\_\_ stage in the process writing approach.

- A. revising
- B. prewriting
- C. editing
- D. drafting

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q24.** Phonemic awareness refers to

- A. ability to establish relation between phonemes and graphemes
- B. ability to identify and manipulate phonemes in spoken words
- C. reading words accurately and fluently
- D. writing with correct spelling

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q25.** Which of the following is an effective reading strategy?

- A. Reading is decoding the meaning of letters or words in the text.
- B. Reading is unconscious thinking process.
- C. Reading is applying peer's knowledge to reconstruct the meaning of the text.
- D. Reading is just ability to join the sounds of words.

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q26.** In a good \_\_\_\_\_ all sentences word together to support the main idea.

- A. paragraph
- B. draft
- C. paragraph
- D. editing

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q27.** When a person reads an advertisement in the newspaper to look for job vacancy. He is

- A. scanning the text
- B. paraphrasing the text
- C. skimming the text
- D. note-making

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q28.** Which of the following is true for language learning?

- A. Language learning happens through reading of language textbooks only.
- B. Language learning accelerates in print rich environment.
- C. Language learning is not required for learning of science and mathematics.
- D. Language learning happens unconsciously.

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q29.** A language teacher asks the students of class IV to write a paragraph. After they finish the teacher corrects each child's paragraph writing and encircles grammatical errors in red. The strategy of teacher's

- A. helpful developing writing skills
- B. inappropriate for language learning
- C. child friendly
- D. appropriate for developing writing skills

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
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**Q30.** In language learning, story- telling is an effective medium for

- A. providing moral education
- B. developing listening skills.
- C. developing writing skills.
- D. engaging the children in free time.

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## Solutions

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**Sol.** Different is most similar in meaning to the word 'various'.

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**Sol.** Comforting is the opposite of the meaning of the word, 'alarming'.

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**Sol.** It is an Adjective.

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