

Part - A
English

Question Numbers 1 to 15

Questions 1 to 4. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow by choosing the right answer from the options given along with each question.

As the sun rose over the fields, a tiny seed lay hidden beneath the soil. It was a small, brown seed, no bigger than a grain of rice. But inside that tiny seed, a miracle was waiting to happen.

The seed had been planted by a farmer, who had carefully dug a small hole and placed the seed inside. He had covered it with soil and watered it gently. Now, the seed was beginning to feel the warmth of the sun and the coolness of the water.

Slowly but surely, the seed began to sprout. A tiny white root grew downward, deep into the soil, while a small green stem grew upward, reaching for the sunlight. As the days passed, the stem grew taller and stronger, and the root grew deeper and more secure.

Finally, the day arrived when the seedling was ready to bloom. A beautiful yellow flower burst forth from the stem, filling the air with its sweet fragrance. The farmer smiled with joy as he saw the flower, knowing that his hard work had paid off.

1. Where did the tiny seed lie hidden ?

- (A) soil
- (B) water
- (C) grain of rice
- (D) sun

2. What miracle was waiting to happen inside the seed ?

- (A) sprout
- (B) bloom
- (C) no change
- (D) decay

3. How did the farmer feel when he saw the flower ?

- (A) sad
- (B) angry
- (C) happy
- (D) surprised

4. Pick out a word from the paragraph which means the opposite of 'foul smell'.

- (A) warmth
- (B) joy
- (C) fragrance
- (D) sweetness

Questions 5 - 12. Pick out the right answer from the options given below.

5. We should not throw anything _____ the window.

- (A) in
- (B) with
- (C) through
- (D) of

6. His performance was impressive, though he had been trained only _____ six months.

- (A) in
- (B) since
- (C) during
- (D) for

7. The woman _____ designed this building is very talented.

- (A) who
- (B) whom
- (C) that
- (D) which

8. He decided to give up smoking to feel much healthier. What does "give up" mean in this sentence ?

- (A) start
- (B) continue
- (C) stop
- (D) reduce

9. It is very interesting to watch the _____ of fish swimming in the sea.

- (A) flock
- (B) school
- (C) herd
- (D) gang

10. She is _____ clever as her brother.

- (A) much
- (B) more
- (C) as
- (D) either

11. If I _____ the lottery, I would buy a new house.

- (A) win
- (B) won
- (C) get
- (D) had won

12. _____ you pass me the salt, please ?

- (A) Have
- (B) Should
- (C) When
- (D) Could

Questions 13 to 15. Read the lines taken from the poem 'A Bird came down the Walk' By Emily Dickinson. Answer the questions that follow choosing the right answer from the options given.

A Bird, came down the walk -
He did not know I saw -
He bit an Angle Worm in halves
And ate the fellow, raw,

And then, he drank a dew
From a convenient grass -
And then hopped sidewise to the wall
To let a beetle pass.

He glanced with rapid eyes,
That hurried all abroad -
They looked like frightened Beads, I thought,
He stirred his Velvet Head.

13. How does the speaker observe the bird ?

- (A) From a distance, unnoticed by the bird
- (B) Looking directly at the bird
- (C) Standing near the wall
- (D) By following it closely

14. How does the bird behave toward the beetle ?

- (A) It ignores the beetle completely.
- (B) It lets the beetle go.
- (C) It tries to eat the beetle.
- (D) It attacks the beetle.

15. What poetic device is used in the line "He stirred his Velvet Head" ?

- (A) Refrain
- (B) Simile
- (C) Alliteration
- (D) Assonance

- o O o -