

**SAMPLE
QUESTION PAPER**

Standard

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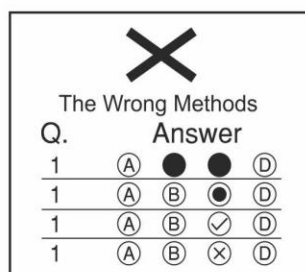
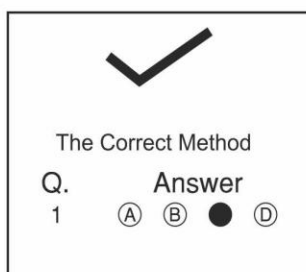
QUESTIONS
50



DURATION
60 mins

Instruction for Students:

- Read the question carefully before answering.
- Each question has 4 options (A, B, C & D).
- Choose one correct option as your answer, from the 4 options.
- On the answer sheet blacken the correct option against the corresponding question number.



- Use pencil to mark your answer.
- If you wish to change your answer, erase the previous mark completely.
- Every question carries 2 marks.
- Return the answer sheet to the invigilator at the end of the exam. The question paper can be retained by the student.



Read the information in the **PASSAGE** and answer questions 1 to 10.

Another man might have thrown up his hands—but not Nawabdin. His twelve daughters acted as a spur to his genius, and he looked with satisfaction in the mirror each morning at the face of a warrior going out to do battle. Nawab of course knew that he must proliferate his sources of revenue—the salary he received from K. K. Harouni for tending the tube wells would not even begin to suffice. He set up a little one-room flour mill, run off a condemned electric motor—condemned by him. He tried his hand at fish-farming in a little pond at the edge of his master's fields. He bought broken radios, fixed them, and resold them. He did not demur even when asked to fix watches, though that enterprise did spectacularly badly, and in fact earned him more kicks than kudos, for no watch he took apart ever kept time again.

K. K. Harouni rarely went to his farms, but lived mostly in Lahore. Whenever the old man visited, Nawab would place himself night and day at the door leading from the servants' sitting area into the walled grove of ancient banyan trees where the old farmhouse stood. Grizzled, his peculiar aviator glasses bent and smudged, Nawab tended the household machinery, the air conditioners, water heaters, refrigerators, and water pumps, like an engineer tending the boilers on a foundering steamer in an Atlantic gale. By his superhuman efforts he almost managed to maintain K. K. Harouni in the same mechanical cocoon, cooled and bathed and lighted and fed, that the landowner enjoyed in Lahore.

Harouni of course became familiar with this ever-present man, who not only accompanied him on his tours of inspection, but morning and night could be found standing on the master bed rewiring the light fixture or in the bathroom poking at the water heater. Finally, one evening at teatime, gauging the psychological moment, Nawab asked if he might say a word. The landowner, who was cheerfully filing his nails in front of a crackling rosewood fire, told him to go ahead. "Sir, as you know, your lands stretch from here to the Indus, and on these lands are fully seventeen tube wells, and to tend these seventeen tube wells there is but one man, me, your servant. In your service I have earned these gray hairs"—here he bowed his head to show the gray—"and now I cannot fulfil my duties as I should. Enough, sir, enough. I beg you, forgive me my weakness. Better a darkened house and proud hunger within than disgrace in the light of day. Release me, I ask you, I beg you."

Adapted from Daniyal Mueenuddin, "Nawabdin Electrician." ©2009 by Daniyal Mueenuddin.

1. The first paragraph mainly talks about:

- A. The work that Nawab did for Harouni.
- B. Harouni's unsuccessful attempt at fixing watches.
- C. Describe Nawab's various money making ventures.
- D. Salary that Nawab makes for tending the tube wells.

2. Why do you think the Nawab tried his hand at other jobs to earn more money?

- A. He had borrowed money from others and had to pay them back.
- B. He was insecure about losing his job with Harouni.
- C. He wanted to prove his capabilities to Harouni.
- D. He wanted to earn enough to provide basic food and shelter for his twelve daughters.

3. What work did the Nawab do for Harouni?

- A. Fixed watches
- B. Fixed broken radios
- C. Tended tube wells
- D. Fish farming

4. The passage compares Nawab's skill to a/an:

- A. Doctor
- B. Aviator
- C. King
- D. Engineer

5. Choose the word that does not describe Nawab:

- A. Ever-present B. Laid back C. Genius D. Superhuman

6. What does Nawab want as per the last paragraph?

- A. He wants to try his hand at fish farming.
 B. He wants to become an engineer and work on a steamer in the Atlantic gale.
 C. He wants to get his daughters married.
 D. He wants to discontinue the work of tending tube wells for Harouni.

7. 'He did not demur even when asked to fix watches, though that enterprise did spectacularly badly, and in fact earned him more kicks than kudos, for no watch he took apart ever kept time again.'

In this sentence what does the word "kicks" mean?

- A. thrills B. appreciation C. complaints D. interests

8. Which of these words would you use to best describe the character of K.K. Harouni?

- A. Genius B. All rounder C. Cheerful D. Cruel

9. What role do Nawab's daughters play in his life?

- A. They stimulate his skills and abilities.
 B. They help him with his work.
 C. They do not burden him with unnecessary troubles.
 D. They teach him various skills.

10. 'Better a darkened house and proud hunger within than disgrace in the light of day.' What do you understand by this line?

- A. Nawab does not want to live in a dark house anymore.
 B. Nawab can't repair the dark house.
 C. Nawab does not want to earn any disgrace due to his weakness so he'd rather stay hungry in a dark house.
 D. Nawab wants to learn new skills and create a name for him as he is now living a disgraceful life.

Read the POEM and answer questions 11 to 17.

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
 And sorry I could not travel both
 And be one traveler, long I stood
 And looked down one as far as I could
 To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
 And having perhaps the better claim
 Because it was grassy and wanted wear,
 Though as for that the passing there
 Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
 In leaves no step had trodden black.
 Oh, I kept the first for another day!
 Yet knowing how way leads on to way
 I doubted if I should ever come back.



I shall be telling this with a sigh
 Somewhere ages and ages hence:
 Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
 I took the one less traveled by,
 And that has made all the difference.

11. What does the poet encounter in the poem?

- A. A forest
- B. Two different roads
- C. A traveller
- D. A Beautiful Morning

12. What season is the poet referring to?

- A. Summer
- B. Autumn
- C. Spring
- D. Rainy

13. The tone of the speaker in the first stanza is that of:

- A. Excitement
- B. Anger
- C. Thoughtfulness
- D. Sorrow

14. 'Two Roads diverged in a yellow wood', the word 'diverged' means:

- A. Appeared
- B. Curved
- C. Branched off
- D. Continued on

15. Choose the sentence that best describes the poet's thoughts in the poem:

- A. The tough choices people make on the road called 'life'.
- B. Time wasted on deciding what to do.
- C. Life is like a forest.
- D. One must travel a lot to realise his dreams.

16. 'Two Roads diverged in a yellow wood'. What does the 'yellow wood' mean?

- A. The colour of the poet's clothes.
- B. The decomposing leaves and the autumn season.
- C. Poet's dilemma about which road to take.
- D. None of the above.

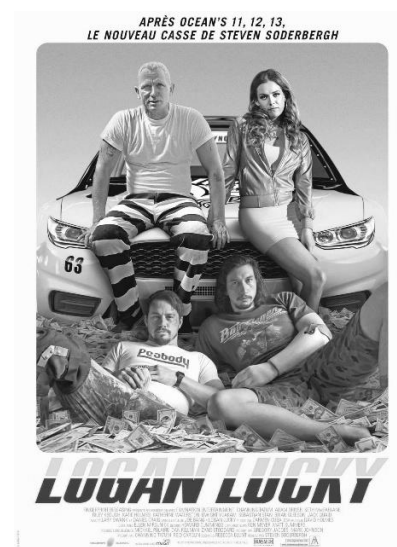
17. What has made all the difference in the poet's life?

- A. Choosing a travelled road.
- B. Choosing a less travelled road.
- C. By not choosing any road.
- D. By not being weak.

Read the WRITE UP and answer questions 18 to 25.

Steven Soderbergh's 'Logan Lucky' is an American heist comedy film. It focuses on three siblings who plan to rob the Charlotte Motor Speedway in North Carolina.

Channing Tatum and Adam Driver play two siblings carrying some family baggage due to unfortunate events. They both imbibe their characters with a subtle sibling tension under the surface but are undeniably brothers in arms. Their sister Mellie Logan, played by Riley Keough, is a strong presence even with her limited screen time. There are a lot of smaller parts featuring a talented set of actors like Hilary Swank and Seth MacFarlane who might make you wonder what they're doing in this film at certain points, but clearly, everyone's having a great time playing this assorted bunch of endearing oddities. That's certainly the case for Daniel Craig, who seems to have taken up this film as a palate cleanser of sorts. Before he wears the bespoke suit again, and gets back all his fancy toys as the spy



extraordinaire, he has to make do as a petty criminal with a penchant for crude bombs. Instead, Craig walks a fine line between being a tightly wound manic genius, and an eccentric loose cannon waiting to blow up. It's a thrill to watch him at work as the wild card.

Which is also a way to describe 'Logan Lucky' as a film. It's unpredictable, with some unforeseen twists and turns but with its heart intact. While the last act feels a bit drawn out, especially with the rushed introduction of a particular character, the majority of the film plays out smoothly and there's hardly a lull in the quirky humour and suspense. Even if it doesn't raise the stakes of the genre, there's enough potential to turn this funny and smartly written caper into another entertaining Soderbergh franchise.

18. Logan Lucky is _____.

- A. a musical B. an action film C. a comedy D. a Sci-Fi

19. Which of these sentences is true for the character played by Mellie Logan?

- A. She has limited screen presence.
B. Her character has grey shades.
C. This character is played by Adam Driver.
D. She does not have a strong presence in the film.

20. The film mainly is about:

- A. Crude bombs and the way they are made.
B. Daniel Craig's manic genius.
C. Three siblings who plan to conduct a robbery.
D. A spy who catches the criminals.

21. The writer describes the film as:

- A. Unpredictable B. Odd C. Eccentric D. Sad

22. Which of these words from the write up means 'Understated'?

- A. Caper B. Subtle C. Quirky D. Imbibe

23. Unscramble this word from the passage to get the meaning of the word 'Peculiar or Strange'?

- A. IUSGEN B. RCITECCNE C. ENHCNTPA D. CTINAT

24. Which of these words is the correctly spelt antonym of 'Unfortunate'.

- A. fatefull B. feteful C. fateful D. feightful

25. Who are the three siblings in the movie?

- A. Daniel Craig, Hilary Swank and Seth MacFarlane
B. Daniel Craig, Channing Tatum and Adam Driver
C. Riley Keough, Channing Tatum and Adam Driver
D. Riley Keough, Hilary Swank and Seth MacFarlane

Read the information in the POSTER and answer questions 26 to 29.

<h1>Literary Genres</h1>	Mystery a fictional story that revolves around discovering secrets or solving crimes	Legend a folktale that is based on a real person or event but cannot be proven	Poetry uses sound, rhythm, and word choice to inspire thoughts, feelings	
	Tall Tale a folktale that is often humorous and assumed to be untrue	Fable a folktale that often teaches a moral or lesson using animals as characters	Fairy Tale a folktale that has magical forces and beings, and includes improbable events that lead to a happy ending	Historical Fiction a fictional story with real and made up characters that is set in the past
	Science Fiction a story that is often set in the future or in different worlds that includes technology or science	Informational a nonfiction writings that is about a specific topic	Myth a folktale that is considered sacred and that attempts to explain how things came to be	Biography a story of a real person's life that is written by another person
	Autobiography a story about a real person's life that is written by himself or herself	Folktale a belief or story with exaggerated characters and obstacles that is passed down over	Fantasy a fictional story that is very imaginative and uses strange or unusual characters, setting	

26. The above poster:

- A. Gives an insight into the various literary genres.
- B. Guides on the kind of books one should read.
- C. Discusses various reading strategies.
- D. Provides a difference between fiction and non-fiction.

27. A fictional story that revolves around discovering secrets is called:

- A. Folktale
- B. Autobiography
- C. Fantasy
- D. Mystery

28. If you read a folktale that is sacred and tells you how things came to be, you are reading:

- A. Mythology
- B. Fantasy
- C. Fairy Tale
- D. Fable

29. Which of these uses sound and rhythm?

- A. Myth
- B. Tall Tale
- C. Fable
- D. Poetry

For questions 30 to 35, choose the suitable mark of punctuation.

“Have you bought any gift for Megha(30)” asked Mrs Rao. (31)Not yet.(32) replied Mr. Rao(33) who remained extremely busy all the time. “Have you forgotten that tomorrow is her birthday? She(34)ll be very disappointed if we don’t buy her anything.(35) said Mrs. Rao.

30. A. (?) question mark B. (') apostrophe C. (!) exclamation mark D. (,) comma
31. A. (!) exclamation mark B. (") quotation mark C. (,) comma D. (-) hyphen
32. A. (?) question mark B. (,) comma C. (") quotation mark D. (.) full stop
33. A. (?) question mark B. (,) comma C. (!) exclamation mark D. (-) hyphen
34. A. (!) exclamation mark B. (?) question mark C. (,) comma D. (') apostrophe
35. A. (') apostrophe B. (!) exclamation mark C. (") quotation mark D. (.) full stop

For questions 36 to 40, choose the correct form of the tense:

When I _____(36)_____ the conference room, they _____(37)_____ expansion plans. They _____(38)_____ their discussion. The manager _____(39)_____ me to the members and _____(40)_____ me to express my views on the subject.

36. A. had been entering B. enter C. entered D. am entering
37. A. are discussing B. have been discussing C. were discussing D. discussed
38. A. broke off B. breaked off C. broken off D. break off
39. A. introduce B. had introduced C. introduced D. is introducing
40. A. is inviting B. invite C. invited D. had been inviting

For questions 41 to 50, choose the correct alternative.

41. Choose the odd word out.

(HINT: Look at the sound of letter 'e' in every word)

- A. lose B. leave C. Come D. Hope

42. Choose the correct meaning of the idiomatic expression 'To run down':

- A. To leave suddenly B. To criticise C. To waste D. To finish

43. Our team won a convincing victory _____ the Sri Lankans.

- A. with B. over C. for D. about

44. Which is another word for 'baffled'?

- A. perpetual B. perceive C. confused D. rigid

45. Add the correct prefix to form the correct antonym of the word 'Relevant':

- A. Unrelevant B. Disrelevant C. Misrelevant D. Irrelevant

46. Are you going swimming? _____ I come with you, please?

- A. might B. can C. will D. would

47. I admit being negligent. Rewrite the sentence using the noun form of the underlined word.

(Without changing the meaning of the sentence):

- A. I admit I was negligent.
- B. Negligence was the main reason for the lapse.
- C. I admit I neglected the matter.
- D. I admit my negligence.

48. He decided to live life on his own terms; he, therefore, made few compromises.

Rewrite this as a simple sentence. (Without changing the meaning of the sentence):

- A. He made few compromises since he had decided to live life on his own terms.
- B. Desirous of living life on his own terms, he made few compromises.
- C. While he made a few compromises, he decided to live life on his own terms.
- D. He has decided to live life on his own terms, for which he has to make a few compromises.

49. Miss Modi said, "The fog is playing havoc with various flights scheduled."

Rewrite the sentence in indirect speech. (Without changing the meaning of the sentence):

- A. Miss Modi said that the fog is playing havoc with various flights scheduled.
- B. Miss Modi said that the fog was playing havoc with various flights scheduled.
- C. Miss Modi said that the fog had been playing havoc with various flights scheduled.
- D. Miss Modi said that the fog has been playing havoc with various flights scheduled.

50. Choose the sentence that is written correctly.

- A. We did not have too money for that luxurious flat.
- B. She was to impatient for waiting any longer.
- C. Don't take his remarks too seriously.
- D. I don't have too money in the bank.

