

Practice Set – 1

Directions (Q1 – Q4): Read the passage carefully and answer the given questions.

PASSAGE

Reading is not just a leisure activity; it is a fundamental pillar of intellectual growth. When we read, we expose ourselves to new ideas, cultures, and perspectives. It enhances our vocabulary, improves concentration, and stimulates the brain. A person who reads regularly learns to analyse situations carefully and to express his thoughts with clarity and confidence. Great leaders, scientists, and writers across the world have often credited their achievements to the habit of reading in their early years.

In today's digital age, where attention spans are shrinking, reading a book requires focus and patience. Short videos and instant messages offer quick entertainment, but they rarely encourage deep thinking. Libraries and schools, therefore, have an important responsibility to nurture the reading habit among young people. It is often said that a reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, while the man who never reads lives only one.

Q1. What does reading require in the digital age?

- A) Expensive gadgets
- B) Leisure time
- C) Fast internet
- D) Focus and patience

Q2. What is the central idea of the passage?

- A) Everyone should write books
- B) Reading is a waste of time
- C) Reading is essential for intellectual growth
- D) Digital media is bad

Q3. According to the passage, what does reading do to the brain?

- A) Shrinks it
- B) Reduces memory
- C) Stimulates it
- D) Makes it tired

Q4. How many lives does a man who never reads live?

- A) Hundred
- B) None
- C) A thousand
- D) Only one

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Q5. Choose the correct synonym for the word: COLOSSAL

- A) Fragile
- B) Average
- C) Enormous
- D) Tiny

Q6. Choose the correct synonym for the word: CANDID

- A) Secretive
- B) Dishonest
- C) Frank
- D) Shy

Q7. Choose the correct antonym for the word: DILIGENT

- A) Lazy
- B) Attentive
- C) Hardworking
- D) Careful

Q8. Choose the correct antonym for the word: OBSOLETE

- A) Old
- B) Modern
- C) Ancient
- D) Outdated

Q9. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

She is very good _____ Mathematics.

- A) in
- B) on
- C) with
- D) at

Q10. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

Neither of the brothers _____ present.

- A) were
- B) is
- C) have
- D) are

Q11. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

'Once in a blue moon'

- A) Very rarely
- B) At night
- C) Once a month
- D) Frequently

Q12. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

'Spill the beans'

- A) Drop food
- B) Reveal a secret
- C) Stay silent
- D) Cook a meal

Q13. Choose the one-word substitution for the given phrase:

'A person who loves books'

- A) Optimist
- B) Philanthropist
- C) Bibliophile
- D) Misogynist

Q14. Choose the one-word substitution for the given phrase:

'One who is present everywhere'

- A) Omniscient
- B) Omnipresent
- C) Invisible
- D) Omnipotent

Q15. Choose the correctly spelt word:

- A) Accommodation
- B) Acommodation
- C) Accomoddation
- D) Accomodation

Q16. Arrange the jumbled words to form a meaningful sentence:

garden / playing / the / are / in / children / the

- A) The children are playing in the garden.
- B) Garden children the playing in the are.
- C) Playing garden children are the the in.
- D) Garden the the in children playing are.

Practice Set – 1 – Answer Key

Quick Answer Key

Q1 D	Q2 C	Q3 C	Q4 D	Q5 C	Q6 C	Q7 A	Q8 B
Q9 D	Q10 B	Q11 A	Q12 B	Q13 C	Q14 B	Q15 A	Q16 A

Explanations

Q1. D — The passage states that in today's digital age, reading requires focus and patience.

Q2. C — The primary focus is on the benefits of reading for mental development.

Q3. C — The passage mentions that reading 'stimulates the brain'.

Q4. D — The passage states 'the man who never reads lives only one.'

Q5. C — Colossal means extremely large (विशाल/बहुत बड़ा). Synonym is 'Enormous'.

Q6. C — Candid means truthful and straightforward (स्पष्टवादी). Synonym is 'Frank'.

Q7. A — Diligent means hardworking (मेहनती). Antonym is 'Lazy' (आलसी).

Q8. B — Obsolete means no longer in use (अप्रचलित/पुराना). Antonym is 'Modern' (आधुनिक).

Q9. D — We use 'good at' when talking about skills. (किसी विषय में अच्छा होने के लिए 'good at' का प्रयोग होता है।)

Q10. B — The pronoun 'Neither' is singular, so it takes a singular verb 'is'.

Q11. A — The idiom 'Once in a blue moon' means something that happens very rarely. (दुर्लभ घटना)

Q12. B — The idiom 'Spill the beans' means to reveal secret information. (रहस्य उजागर करना)

Q13. C — 'Bibliophile' means a lover of books.

Q14. B — 'Omnipresent' means present everywhere. (सर्वव्यापी)

Q15. A — The correct spelling is 'Accommodation' (आवास). It has double 'c' and double 'm'.

Q16. A — The correct subject-verb-object structure makes this meaningful. (बच्चे बगीचे में खेल रहे हैं।)