

Practice Set – 2

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

PASSAGE

Trees are the lifeline of our planet. They absorb carbon dioxide from the air and release oxygen, which is vital for the survival of all living beings. Besides purifying the air, they prevent soil erosion and provide habitat for countless species of birds and animals. In cities, their shade lowers the temperature of streets and gives people a much-needed place to rest. Forests also support the livelihoods of millions of people who depend on them for fruits, honey, and medicinal plants.

Unfortunately, rapid deforestation for urbanization is threatening ecological balance. Every year, vast stretches of green cover are cleared to make way for roads, factories, and housing colonies. This loss not only destroys the homes of wildlife but also pushes the earth towards dangerous levels of warming. Planting more trees is an urgent necessity to combat climate change. Governments, schools, and ordinary citizens must all join hands to protect the existing forests and to grow new ones.

Q1. Why are trees called the lifeline of our planet?

- A) They provide timber
- B) They cause deforestation
- C) They absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen
- D) They produce water

Q2. What is threatening the ecological balance?

- A) Survival of birds
- B) Rapid deforestation
- C) Planting trees
- D) Releasing oxygen

Q3. What do trees prevent according to the passage?

- A) Rainfall
- B) Climate change
- C) Soil erosion
- D) Urbanization

Q4. What is the urgent necessity mentioned?

- A) Planting more trees
- B) Cutting forests
- C) Building more cities
- D) Creating habitats

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Q5. Choose the correct synonym for the word:

ABUNDANT

- A) Scarce
- B) Rare
- C) Plentiful
- D) Empty

Q6. Choose the correct synonym for the word: LETHAL

- A) Healthy
- B) Harmless
- C) Deadly
- D) Safe

Q7. Choose the correct antonym for the word: BARREN

- A) Fertile
- B) Dry
- C) Desert
- D) Empty

Q8. Choose the correct antonym for the word: ARROGANT

- A) Proud
- B) Humble
- C) Rude
- D) Haughty

Q9. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

I look forward _____ meeting you.

- A) for
- B) to
- C) in
- D) at

Q10. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

He has been living here _____ 2015.

- A) for
- B) since
- C) from
- D) until

Q11. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

'Hit the nail on the head'

- A) Hurt someone
- B) Fail completely
- C) Do physical work
- D) Say exactly the right thing

Q12. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

'A blessing in disguise'

- A) Good thing that seemed bad at first
- B) A clear blessing
- C) A curse that looks good
- D) Asking for blessings

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

'A person who never makes a mistake'

- A) Infallible
- B) Invincible
- C) Incorrigible
- D) Inevitable

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

'One who easily believes others'

- A) Fraud
- B) Credible
- C) Gullible
- D) Sceptic

Q15. Choose the correctly spelt word:

- A) Comittee
- B) Commitey
- C) Comitee
- D) Committee

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

cake / a / mother / baked / delicious / my

- A) My cake a delicious baked mother.
- B) My mother baked a delicious cake.
- C) Cake mother my baked a delicious.
- D) Baked cake delicious mother my a.

Practice Set – 2 – Answer Key

Quick Answer Key

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

Explanations

Q1. C — Trees are vital because they absorb CO₂ and release oxygen.

Q2. B — Rapid deforestation for urbanization is threatening ecological balance.

Q3. C — The passage states they 'prevent soil erosion'.

Q4. A — Planting more trees is an urgent necessity to combat climate change.

Q5. C — Abundant means available in large quantities (प्रचुर). Synonym is 'Plentiful'.

Q6. C — Lethal means sufficient to cause death (जानलेवा). Synonym is 'Deadly'.

Q7. A — Barren means land too poor to produce vegetation (बंजर). Antonym is 'Fertile' (उपजाऊ).

Q8. B — Arrogant means having an exaggerated sense of self-importance (अहंकारी). Antonym is 'Humble' (विनम्र).

Q9. B — 'Look forward to' is a fixed prepositional phrase. ('Look forward to' एक निश्चित वाक्यांश है।)

Q10. B — We use 'since' for a specific point in time in the past. (निश्चित समय बिंदु के लिए 'since' का प्रयोग होता है।)

Q11. D — It means to say or do exactly the right thing. (सटीक बात कहना)

Q12. A — It means a good thing that initially seemed bad. (छुपा हुआ वरदान या भलाई)

Q13. A — 'Infallible' means incapable of making mistakes. (अचूक)

Q14. C — 'Gullible' means easily persuaded to believe something. (भोला-भाला)

Q15. D — The correct spelling is 'Committee' (समिति). It contains double 'm', double 't', and double 'e'.

Q16. B — Proper sentence structure: Subject (My mother) + Verb (baked) + Object (a delicious cake). (मेरी माँ ने स्वादिष्ट केक बनाया।)