

Practice Set – 4

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

PASSAGE

Water scarcity is becoming a severe global crisis. While Earth is covered with 71% water, only about 2.5% is fresh water, and even less is accessible for human use. Most of this fresh water is locked in glaciers and deep underground, far from the reach of ordinary people. Due to population growth, industrialization, and climate change, fresh water resources are depleting rapidly. Many rivers and lakes are also polluted by waste, which makes the available water unfit for drinking.

Several regions of the world already face long periods of drought, and women and children in some villages walk for miles each day to fetch drinking water. Rainwater harvesting and recycling wastewater are some effective strategies that need to be adopted globally to ensure water sustainability for future generations. Individuals, too, can contribute by repairing leaking taps and avoiding the wastage of water in daily life.

Q1. What percentage of Earth's water is fresh water?

- A) 100%
- B) 50%
- C) 2.5%
- D) 71%

Q2. Which of the following is suggested as an effective strategy?

- A) Growing population
- B) Rainwater harvesting
- C) Increasing industrialization
- D) Polluting rivers

Q3. Why are fresh water resources depleting rapidly?

- A) Planting trees
- B) Rainwater harvesting
- C) Recycling wastewater
- D) Population growth and industrialization

Q4. What percentage of Earth is covered with water?

- A) 71%
- B) 2.5%
- C) 90%
- D) 50%

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Q5. Choose the correct synonym for the word: VITAL

- A) Useless
- B) Essential
- C) Optional
- D) Minor

Q6. Choose the correct synonym for the word: OBSTINATE

- A) Flexible
- B) Docile
- C) Friendly
- D) Stubborn

Q7. Choose the correct antonym for the word: HARSH

- A) Gentle
- B) Strict
- C) Severe
- D) Cruel

Q8. Choose the correct antonym for the word: GENUINE

- A) Authentic
- B) Real
- C) Fake
- D) Pure

Q9. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

He prefers tea _____ coffee.

- A) to
- B) from
- C) over
- D) than

Q10. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

The cat jumped _____ the wall.

- A) across
- B) over
- C) on
- D) above

Q11. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

'Bite the bullet'

- A) Face a difficult situation bravely
- B) Start shooting
- C) Run away
- D) Chew metal

Q12. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

'Under the weather'

- A) Very cold
- B) Feeling ill
- C) In the rain
- D) Enjoying the climate

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

'A place where birds are kept'

- A) Zoo
- B) Apiary
- C) Aviary
- D) Aquarium

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

'A life history written by oneself'

- A) Biography
- B) Memoir
- C) History
- D) Autobiography

Q15. Choose the correctly spelt word:

- A) Receive
- B) Resieve
- C) Recieve
- D) Receve

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

blue / sky / is / the / today / very

- A) Sky blue is the very today.
- B) The sky is very blue today.
- C) Sky blue today is very the.
- D) Very today blue the sky is.

Practice Set – 4 – Answer Key

Quick Answer Key

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

Explanations

Q1. C — The passage states that only about 2.5% is fresh water.

Q2. B — Rainwater harvesting and recycling wastewater are mentioned as effective strategies.

Q3. D — They are depleting due to population growth, industrialization, and climate change.

Q4. A — Earth is covered with 71% water. (पृथ्वी का 71% हिस्सा पानी से ढका है।)

Q5. B — Vital means absolutely necessary (महत्वपूर्ण).
Synonym is 'Essential'.

Q6. D — Obstinate means stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion (ज़िद्दी). Synonym is 'Stubborn'.

Q7. A — Harsh means unpleasantly rough or cruel (कठोर).
Antonym is 'Gentle' (सौम्य).

Q8. C — Genuine means truly what something is said to be (असली). Antonym is 'Fake' (नकली).

Q9. A — The verb 'prefer' takes the preposition 'to', not 'than'. ('Prefer' के साथ 'to' का प्रयोग होता है।)

Q10. B — 'Over' is used for movement across and above something. (ऊपर से छलांग लगाने के अर्थ में 'over' प्रयुक्त होता है।)

Q11. A — It means to endure a painful or otherwise unpleasant situation. (कठिनाई का डटकर सामना करना)

Q12. B — It means feeling slightly ill or not well. (बीमार महसूस करना)

Q13. C — 'Aviary' is a large cage or building for keeping birds. (पक्षीशाला)

Q14. D — 'Autobiography' is the story of a person's life written by that person. (आत्मकथा)

Q15. A — The correct spelling is 'Receive' (प्राप्त करना).
Remember: 'i' before 'e' except after 'c'.

Q16. B — Adverbs and adjectives are placed correctly to describe the subject. (आज आसमान बहुत नीला है।)