



Q8-14. Read the following passage carefully, and answer the questions that follow:

Next week I am on vacation. While I am on vacation, I will work on two projects.

First, I will fix the washing machine. The washing machine has been broken for two weeks. To fix it, I will need three tools: a screwdriver, a wrench, and a clamp. It will take one day to fix the washing machine.

Next, I will fix our back porch. This is a bigger project. It will probably take about two days to fix the back porch, and will require a screwdriver, a hammer, nails, and a saw.

My vacation starts on Monday, I have a lot of work to do, but hopefully I can relax after I finish my work.

8. Which of these tools will the author use more than once?

- a) a screwdriver      b) a hammer      c) a clamp      d) a saw

9. As used in paragraph 3, what does *require* mean?

- a) need      b) use      c) find      d) buy

10. Which of the following tools does the author *not* need to fix the back porch?

- a) a screwdriver      b) a wrench      c) nails      d) a saw

11. What is the earliest day that the author can finish both projects?

- a) Monday      b) Wednesday      c) Thursday      d) Friday

12. On which project will the author need to use the most tools?

- a) fixing the washing machine      b) fixing the back porch  
c) both projects need the same number of tools      d) neither project needs any tools

13. According to the passage, fixing the back porch will take longer because

- a) the author really doesn't want to do it      b) it has been broken longer  
c) it needs more tools      d) it is a bigger project

14. The author of this passage can best be described as

- a) interesting      b) lazy      c) constructive      d) intelligent

Q15-18. The following sentences come from a paragraph. The first and the last sentences are given. Choose the order in which the three sentences (PQR) should appear to complete the paragraph.

Q15. Since the Vedic times, woman has been granted the status of Devi (goddess).

P- But in modern times she helped India win freedom.

Q- Women also tried to transform the centuries old Indian society

R- During the medieval period, the Muslim rulers relegated her to the back-seat which was being guided by dogmas, superstitions etc.

- a) PQR      b) QPR      c) RPQ      d) QRP

Q16. Preparing for examination is hard.

P- Appearing in the examination is harder.

Q- But waiting for the result is the hardest of all.

R- I know it quite well because I am waiting for my result as I have appeared in X Board Exams.

While I was preparing for my exams I used to tell myself that after these difficult days I would be a free bird.

- a) PQR                      b) RPQ                      c) RQP                      d) PRQ

Q17. Teachers are the builders of a Nation.

P- In our school we have about sixty teachers.

Q- They play a very vital role in making the character of a student.

R- They are all well qualified.

Amongst all, Mr. Rohit Sharma is my best teacher.

- a) QPR                      b) PQR                      c) QRP                      d) PRQ

Q18. An excursion is a change from the daily routine life.

P- It is always amusing and makes us refresh for a few coming months.

Q- Usually, excursions carry educative values.

R- These are arranged during vacation.

Last year during winter break our school arranged a trip to Delhi.

- a) QRP                      b) PQR                      c) RQP                      d) QPR

Q19-22. Following questions have the second sentence missing. Choose the appropriate sentence from the given options to complete it.

Q19. A. Travelling must form an important part of education in our schools and colleges.

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. It is essential for the healthy growth of mind.

- a) We walked in a leisurely way  
b) It gives us first hand information about things, places, persons and events.  
c) I had heard a lot about the beauty of Kashmir valley.  
d) We saw a large number of tourists.

Q20. A. Education should lead to the complete development of an individual.

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Everybody agrees that a country is as good as it's education policy.

- a) It must bring out the best in man.

- b) India is a vast country.
- c) NSS is a boon to country.
- d) The importance of right kind of education can never be overemphasised.

Q21. A. Young boys and girls constitute the backbone of a nation.

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Youth is full of energy

- a) A youth festival is the best occasion.
- b) They are educative.
- c) It is upon them that the future of nation depends.
- d) Youth festivals are a grand success.

Q22. A. Man is busy today.

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Therefore, he depends upon advertisement for shopping.

- a) Advertisement has a dark aspect also.
- b) The advertiser has to spend a lot of money on advertising.
- c) He has no time even to think about himself.
- d) Advertisement expenditure has to be borne by the consumers.

Q23-27. Choose the word which best fills the blank from the four options given:

Q23. The older employees are the \_\_\_\_\_ of industry.

- a) capable
- b) confident
- c) backbone
- d) superior

Q24. Infant mortality rate in China has \_\_\_\_\_ from 200 per thousand to 14 per thousand.

- a) retarded
- b) declined
- c) contracted
- d) minimised

Q25. Questions will be answered by a \_\_\_\_\_ of experts.

- a) staff
- b) panel
- c) bunch
- d) band

Q26. Please do not \_\_\_\_\_ the offer made by the chairman.

- a) refrain
- b) refute
- c) refuse
- d) refuge

Q27. My life these days \_\_\_\_\_ of studying and attending classes.

- a) full
- b) comprises
- c) consists
- d) tried

Q28-32. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks from given alternatives:

Q28. Some of the luggage \_\_\_\_\_ not yet arrived.

- a) has
- b) have
- c) is
- d) are

Q29. One of the \_\_\_\_\_ injured.

- a) player was
- b) players were
- c) players was
- d) players are

Q30. He takes as if he \_\_\_\_\_ a fool.

- a) is                      b) was                      c) were                      d) has been

Q31. Bareilly is the town \_\_\_\_\_ to our village.

- a) nearest                      b) near                      c) close                      d) beautiful

Q32. Mahatma Gandhi was the \_\_\_\_\_ leader of the country.

- a) great                      b) noble                      c) foremost                      d) important

Q33-35. Select the word which means the opposite of the given word:

Q33. Abbreviate

- a) lengthen                      b) shorten                      c) capsize                      d) adjust

Q34. Callous

- a) soft                      b) creamy                      c) distrust                      d) ordinary

Q35. Zeal

- a) material                      b) apathy                      c) vice                      d) virtuous

Q36-43. In the following passage there are some numbered blanks. Fill in the blanks by selecting the most appropriate word for each blank from the given options:

(36) \_\_\_\_\_ sleepless night which I passed only last summer, stands (37) \_\_\_\_\_ in my memory. It was the month (38) \_\_\_\_\_ August. The monsoon had failed us. Naturally the nights (39) \_\_\_\_\_ usually hot. But one night it was very (40) \_\_\_\_\_. There was not (41) \_\_\_\_\_ breath of air anywhere. Even (42) \_\_\_\_\_ the roof of the house I felt no relief. It was (43) \_\_\_\_\_ to lie in the bed.

- Q36. a) an                      b) at                      c) a                      d) the

- Q37. a) vivid                      b) clear                      c) lazy                      d) refresh

- Q38. a) of                      b) on                      c) in                      d) at

- Q39. a) have                      b) has                      c) are                      d) we

- Q40. a) close                      b) between                      c) near                      d) nearby

- Q41. a) a                      b) an                      c) the                      d) then

- Q42. a) in                      b) on                      c) about                      d) one

- Q43. a) sin                      b) agony                      c) pleasure                      d) nice

Q44-47. Change the Voice.

Q44. Will he help you?

- a) Will you be helped by him?                      b) Will they be helped by you?

- c) Shall they help you?                      d) You will be helped by them.

Q45. Do you know him?

a) You know him?

b) Is he known to you?

c) Are you known to him?

d) Was he known to you?

Q46. Post this letter.

a) Why didn't you posted the letter?

b) Let this letter be posted.

c) Will you post this letter?

d) Letter will be posted.

Q47. She had spoken the truth.

a) She has spoken the truth.

b) She will speak the truth.

c) She speaks the truth.

d) The truth had been spoken by her.

Q48-50. Select the meaning of the given idioms/phrases:

Q48. Fair and square

a) upright

b) destruction

c) straight

d) complete

Q49. Bring forth

a) explode

b) produce

c) educate

d) recite

Q50. Come after

a) succeed

b) acquire

c) deny

d) accord

## ***Answer Key***

Q1. c	Q2. a
Q3. b	Q4. a
Q5. c	Q6. c
Q7. d	Q8. a
Q9. a	Q10. b
Q11. b	Q12. b
Q13. d	Q14. c
Q15. c	Q16. a
Q17. a	Q18. b
Q19. b	Q20. a
Q21. c	Q22. c
Q23. c	Q24. b
Q25. b	Q26. c
Q27. c	Q28. a
Q29. c	Q30. c
Q31. a	Q32. c
Q33. a	Q34. a
Q35. a	Q36. c
Q37. a	Q38. a
Q39. d	Q40. a
Q41. a	Q42. b
Q43. a	Q44. a
Q45. b	Q46. b
Q47. d	Q48. a
Q49. b	Q50. a

## NTSE (ENGLISH)

Q. (1-4) Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:

It is easy to wonder why someone would destroy rocks that are billions of years old. For centuries now these rocks have been the building material for the city. Even the famous Golconda fort of Hyderabad which sits atop a granite hill is made of the very same granite rock. The problem however lies at the speed and magnitude with which these rocks are now disappearing. Just consider the following statistics. The official 2001 census stated that the Hyderabad population was around 3.7 million. But today the overflowing buses, traffic jammed streets and expanding city borders tell a very different story. Today, this natural legacy is giving way to tall residential high-rises and software parks. Hills are being replaced with malls and buildings.

1. Golconda Fort is made of \_\_\_\_\_ .

- i. Rock
- ii. Stone
- iii. Mud
- iv. Bricks

2. The expanding city borders tell a different story. What does this mean?

- i. The natural legacy of the city is fast depleting.
- ii. Natural environment is being given due importance.
- iii. The hills are still where they were earlier
- iv. New high rise buildings with an ecological perspective.

3. For centuries now these rocks have been the building material for the city. What is meant by these lines?

- i. Buildings in the past were made of granite rocks
- ii. Buildings are still being made with these rocks.
- iii. Buildings are now made of other rocks.
- iv. Golconda fort is made of rocks.

4. Which of the following does not have an effect on depletion of geological heritage?

- i. High-rises
- ii. Traffic
- iii. Malls
- iv. Golconda Fort

Q. (5-8) Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:

Hudson, though was advised against sitting up for longer than five minutes because of the risk of being smothered by flab. The only exercise he engaged in was when he attended to his ablutions; it took him for an hour to negotiate the six yards to the bathroom from his bedroom. Then in 1987, he found himself wedged in the door-way. "The day I got stuck in that door," he recalled "that when the Lord got me the help I needed." The help to which he referred was offered by Dick Gregory, a comedian who masterminded the Slim Safe Diet Scheme.

5. Hudson was advised against sitting up for long periods because of the risk of \_\_\_\_\_ .

- i. getting fat.
- ii. being fatigued
- iii. not exercising
- iv. being suffocated



6. Why was it difficult for him to negotiate the six yards to the bathroom from his bedroom?

- i. He was obese
- ii. He was not well
- iii. He was lazy
- iv. His legs were handicapped

7. What do you mean by being wedged in a door-way?

- i. Stuck in a door
- ii. fell outside the door
- iii. clothes got stuck in the door
- iv. door gave way as it needed repair

8. Who was Dick Gregory?

- i. a comedian
- ii. Hudson's friend
- iii. Dietician
- iv. Physician

Q. (9-12) Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:

#### A Nation's Strength

Not gold, but only men can make  
A people great and strong –  
Men who, for truth and honour's sake,  
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,  
Who dare while others fly,  
They build a nation's pillars deep,  
And lift them to the sky.

9. What makes a nation great and strong?

- i. Gold
- ii. Inhabitants
- iii. Great Men
- iv. Men

10. What do brave men do while others sleep?

- i. work
- ii. suffer
- iii. stand fast
- iv. Stand for truth

11. Match the words in A with their synonym in B :

A	B
i. truth	endure
ii. suffer	Challenge
iii. dare	raise
iv. lift	reality

12. What do you mean by "They build a nation's pillars deep"

- i. They build strong pillars
- ii. They can lift a nation by working and daring
- iii. The pillars are built over-night
- iv. The pillars have been dug deep

**Q. (13-16) Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:**

'In what respects do speeches differ from a pamphlet or magazine article?' Speech has a human element lacking in a written word, because speech is a communication between the speaker and his audience face to face. Speech, therefore is more primitive and human than written matter. Public speaking demand characteristics which would be blemishes in compositions intended to read. The attention of audience must be held, arguments repeated, and free use made of illustrations and analogies. For this reason, good speakers are often bad writers, while good writers are rarely effective speakers. Speech is a transitory, episodic production depending for its immediate effect not only upon the matter but upon the deliver which enables the speaker to sway his hearers. For their point of view personality is the thing that counts for most. The speaker is judged by what he is or what he appears to be.

**13. What according to the author is the difference between speech and written work?**

- i. Speech is less effective
- ii. Speech can do more wonders
- iii. Speech has a human element
- iv. Speech is more powerful

**14. What is speech?**

- i. way of talking
- ii. way of addressing others
- iii. delivery of words
- iv. communication between the speaker and audience face to face

**15. Why are good speakers often bad writers?**

- i. Because they speak too fast
- ii. Because they speak too slow
- iii. Because they repeat arguments
- iv. Because they speak hesitantly

**16. How is a speaker judged?**

- i. by quality of his word
- ii. by fluency of speech
- iii. by what he is
- iv. by way of delivery of speech

**Q.(17-18) The following sentences come from a single paragraph. The first and last sentence are given. Choose the right order in which the sentences (PQ) should appear to complete the paragraph.**

**17. S1. Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, is known to have died an unhappy man**

S2 \_\_\_\_\_

S3 \_\_\_\_\_

S4 \_\_\_\_\_

S5. It has all the power to destroy the world twice or thrice over

P. Dynamite was being used for purposes of war.

Q. he saw his wonderful invention being used not in the service, of man as he wanted it to be.

R. The power of the atom today replaces dynamite in this respect

Choose from the given options:

- i. PQR
- ii. QPR
- iii. RQP
- iv. PRQ

18. S1. Every child is born, with some inherited characteristics, into a specific socio-economic environment and trained in certain ways by figures of authority

S2. \_\_\_\_\_

S3. \_\_\_\_\_

S4. \_\_\_\_\_

S5. All these boys were from orthodox Hindu Brahmin families

P. I inherited honesty and self-discipline from my father;

Q. from my mother, I inherited faith in goodness and deep kindness and so did my brothers and sisters

R. I had 3 close friends in my childhood-Ramananda Shastri, Aravindan and Sivaprakasan.

Choose from the given options:

i. PQR

ii. QPR

iii. RQP

iv. PRQ

Q. (19-20) The following sentences have the second sentence missing. Choose the appropriate sentence from the given options to complete it.

19. A. A smoke oozed up between the planks

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Everyone now knew there was fire on board

i. People stayed where they could enjoy

ii. Flames broke out here and there

iii. People were getting ready

iv. It was raining

20. A. Dr. C.V. Raman was the genius who won the Nobel Prize for Physics

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. He was a man of boundless curiosity

i. He won honour as a scientist

ii. Raman was studious

iii. He was the first Asian scientist to win the Nobel Prize

iv. He used to read new books.

Q. (21-30) Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate option from the given alternatives :

21. \_\_\_\_\_ is a printed version of material originally presented in another medium.

i. Manuscript

ii. Transcript

iii. Biography

iv. Autobiography

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ meat was placed over fire until it was cooked

i. tough

ii. raw

iii. hard

iv. lean

23. Fresh bread will come \_\_\_\_\_ after a few days

- i. dull
- ii. dry
- iii. stale
- iv. tasteless

24. The role of Zoo is to preserve \_\_\_\_\_ animals

- i. extinct
- ii. common
- iii. rare
- iv. dead

25. I saw a \_\_\_\_\_ of giraffes

- i. Tower
- ii. group
- iii. shoal
- iv. crowd

26. The village was \_\_\_\_\_ by the earthquake

- i. dazed
- ii. razed
- iii. fused
- iv. bemused

27. A hardworker works from \_\_\_\_\_ to dusk

- i. midnight
- ii. day
- iii. dawn
- iv. twilight

28. A \_\_\_\_\_ of judges gave the verdict

- i. Bench
- ii. board
- iii. staff
- iv. company

29. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ his students

- i. survived
- ii. laughed
- iii. berated
- iv. shunted

30. He \_\_\_\_\_ friends has come back.

- i. and his
- ii. along with his
- iii. or his
- iv. along with them

Q. (31-35) Select the meaning of the underlined phrase/idiom :

31. Adam's ale the nectar of life.

- i. simple and pure water
- ii. holy water
- iii. adam's pain

iv. apple

32. **Borrowed plums do not win respect.**

- i. fruit
- ii. ornaments
- iii. grocer
- iv. plums

33. **His message was all Greek to me.**

- i. new
- ii. very interesting
- iii. boring
- iv. beyond comprehension

34. **The candidate proved a dark horse when he won the election.**

- i. of dark colour
- ii. person of unknown capabilities
- iii. stupid person
- iv. leader

35. **It is no use crying over split milk.**

- i. useless regrets
- ii. spoilt milk
- iii. sweetened milk
- iv. milk spoilt while boiling

Q. (36-41) In the given passage, there are some blanks which have been numbered. Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blanks:

Graham Bell invented telephone. The whole world has \_\_\_\_\_ (36) benefitted from this invention. Bell had a wife who was hard of hearing. His dream was to \_\_\_\_\_ (37) a hearing device so that his wife, whom he loved \_\_\_\_\_ (38), could hear. He spent every spare dollar and \_\_\_\_\_ (39) every spare moment he had, trying to fulfill his dream. Unfortunately he to achieve his \_\_\_\_\_ (40). Although he \_\_\_\_\_ (41) to help one, he ended up helping millions.

36.

- i. favoured
- ii. benefitted
- iii. endured
- iv. grown

37.

- i. design
- ii. mould
- iii. draft
- iv. harvest

38.

- i. sweetly
- ii. fully
- iii. dearly
- iv. grossly

39.

- i. controlled
- ii. devoted
- ii. exhausted
- iv. plotted

40.

- i. goal
- ii. origin
- iii. motive
- iv. job

41.

- i. inspired
- ii. aimed
- iii. moved
- iv. directed

**Q. (42-43) Select the antonyms of given words from the options given:**

**42. Ignorance**

- i. remember
- ii. forget
- iii. refuse
- iv. knowledge

**43. Reap**

- i. plant
- ii. harvest
- iii. cultivate
- iv. plough

**Q. (44-45) Select the synonyms of given words from the options given:**

**44. Retain**

- i. keep
- ii. preserve
- iii. recall
- iv. conserve

**45. Credible**

- i. false
- ii. readable
- iii. believable
- iv. praise worthy

**Q. (46-47) Change the voice:**

**46. Rahul is solving a puzzle**

- i. Puzzle is solved by Rahul
- ii. A puzzle is being solved by Rahul
- iii. Puzzle is solved by Rahul
- iv. Puzzle has been solved by Rahul

**47. Who is laughing at Abhi?**

- i. By whom is Abhi being laughed at?
- ii. Who is laughing at Abhi?
- iii. By whom was Abhi laughed at?
- iv. By whom were Abhi laughed at?

Q. (48-50): Which part of speech is underlined in the given sentences. Choose the correct option;

48. Playing on this field is enjoyable.

- i. Adverb phrase
- ii. Noun Phrase
- iii. Adverb clause
- iv. Noun Clause

49. He is a spoilt child.

- i. past participle
- ii. adverb
- iii. adjective
- iv. participle phrase

50. All that glitters is not gold.

- i. Noun clause
- ii. Adjective Clause
- iii. Compound sentence
- iv. Adverb clause.

Answer key	20.iii	43.i
1. i	21.ii	44.i
2. i	22.ii	45.iii
3.i	23.iii	46,ii
4.iv	24.iii	47.i
5.iv	25.i	48.ii
6.i	26.ii	49.i
7.i	27.iii	50.ii
8.i	28.i	
9.iv	29.iii	
10.i	30.i	
11. truth-reality	31.i	
Suffer-endure	32. ii	
Dare-challenge	33. iv	
Lift-raise	34. ii	
12.ii	35. i	
13. iii	36.ii	
14.iv	37.i	
15.iii	38.iii	
16. iii	39.ii	
17. ii	40.i	
18. i	41.ii	
19. ii	42. iv	