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CLASS 10th SYLLABUS & SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Analogy, Comprehension, Classification, Spelling Test, Jumbled words and sentences, Types of sentences, Parts of speech, Tense, Error Finding, Voice, Direct and Indirect speech, Subject-Verb agreement, Non-Finites, Article, Modals, Determiners, Clause, Antonyms/Synonyms, Homonyms, Sentence Completion, Idioms and phrases, One word substitution, Story and Paragraph writing, Notice writing, Letter writing, Message writing, Report writing, Differentiating between facts and opinion, Functional English, Mental Aptitude.

The Actual Question Paper Contains 50 Questions. The Duration of the Test Paper is 60 Minutes.

Direction: For Q1-2: Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Once, on being asked whether the work had not been overextended, Mother Teresa laughed, 'If there are poor on the moon, we shall go there too.' Born an Albanian, Mother Teresa came to Kolkata at the age of 18, and in the course of her life's mission of caring for the poorest of the poor, dominated the Indian century. In the process she was respected almost everywhere. In the eyes of much of the world she was considered the Saint of the Gutters in her lifetime. Neither the highest honours nor the barbs flung at her could distract her from her chosen path. In spite of her early difficulties and, much later in life, her many near brushes with serious illness and death, she lived to complete much of her agenda. The major achievements in Mother Teresa's life are well-documented. After almost two decades in Kolkata's Loreto Convent, where she taught geography and catechism, Mother Teresa was permitted to step into the world that lay beyond the security of convent wall, to begin her mission which she said was an answer to a 'call' that she received on a train journey to Darjeeling. She started with three sarees and a five-rupee note. From a single school which she started in a Kolkata slum in 1948, the Order grew into a multinational that continued to be run from a small office in Kolkata. In the year before her death, her Order ran 755 homes in 125

countries. During that year the Missionaries of Charity fed half a million hungry mouths in five continents, treated a quarter of a million sick, taught over 20,000 slum children and ran homes for the mentally retarded, the leprosy-afflicted, AIDS patients, the crippled and alcoholics and drug addicts. They ran day-crèches, night-shelters, soup-kitchens and TB hospitals.

1. **Neither the highest honours nor the barbs flung at her could distract her from her 'chosen path.' What does the 'chosen path' mean?**
 - (A) Help the poor
 - (B) Lead a life for helping the poor
 - (C) Compassionate towards poor of the poorest
 - (D) Caring for the poorest of the poor
 - (E) None of these
2. **Which one of the following statements is false in context to the Missionaries of Charity?**
 - (A) It looked after the pupils of Kolkata's Loreto Convent.
 - (B) It provided education to the slum children.
 - (C) It ran day-crèches, hospitals and night-shelters.
 - (D) It treated a quarter of a million sick people.
 - (E) None of these

3. Complete the sentence with correct option.

The High Court _____ the death sentence of the prisoner.

- (A) set down (B) set upon
(C) set about (D) set aside
(E) None of these

4. Below given is a sentence in four parts. One of the parts contains a grammatical error. Find the part.

As though this were not bad enough (1)/nuclear power in India is vastly (2)/more expensive than it was (3)/assumed to be. (4)

- (A) 1 (B) 2
(C) 3 (D) 4
(E) None of these

5. Give the synonym of the word underlined in the given sentence.

The intrepid mountaineer who scaled the peak in winter should be specially congratulated.

- (A) Bold (B) Courageous
(C) Vigorous (D) Brave
(E) None of these

6. Which one of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

- (A) He was extremely unhappy because of inordinately delay.
(B) He was extremely unhappy because of inordinately delaying.
(C) He was extremely unhappy because of inordinate delay.

(D) He was extremely unhappy because of inordinate delaying.

(E) None of these

7. Give the one word substitution of the sentence given below.

A long wandering journey

- (A) Trip (B) Odyssey
(C) Stroller (D) Excursion
(E) None of these

8. Use the verb form of 'success' in the following sentence.

He is sure of success.

- (A) Success is sure to him.
(B) He knows of his success.
(C) That he will succeed is known to him.
(D) He is sure that he will succeed.
(E) None of these

9. Fill in the blank as per subject verb agreement.

_____ I in your place, I would keep quiet.

- (A) Am (B) Were
(C) Would (D) Was
(E) None of these

10. Give the usage of the word underlined.

I was about to go to bed when there was a knock at the door.

- (A) Adjective (B) Adverb
(C) Preposition (D) Pronoun
(E) None of these

ANSWERS

1. (D) 2. (A) 3. (D) 4. (A) 5. (A) 6. (C) 7. (B) 8. (D) 9. (B) 10. (C)