

1. Write an essay in **250 words** on **any one** of the given topics. (10 marks)
- Internet – A necessary evil for students.
 - Natural disasters are man-made disasters.
 - Online learning for school students – Pros and cons

2. Write a letter to the chairperson of the City Jal Board, complaining about the irregular supply of water in your locality for the past one month. Also request him/her to resolve the issue promptly. (5 marks)

OR

Write a letter to the superintendent of police complaining about the menace of loudspeakers in your area.

3. Make a precis of the given passage. The precis should be as far as possible in your own words. Suggest a suitable title also for your precis. (5 marks)

When a defeated lobster regains its courage and dares to fight again it is more likely to lose again than you would predict, statistically, from a tally of its previous fights. Its victorious opponent, on the other hand, is more likely to win. It's winner-take-all in the lobster world, just as it is in human societies, where the top 1 percent have as much loot as the bottom 50 percent – and where the richest eighty-five people have as much as the bottom three and a half billion.

That same brutal principle of unequal distribution applies outside the financial domain – indeed, anywhere that creative production is required. The majority of scientific papers are published by a very small group of scientists. A tiny proportion of musicians produces almost all the recorded commercial music. Just a handful of authors sell all the books. A million and a half separately titled books (!) sell each year in the US. However, only five hundred of these sell more than a hundred thousand copies. Similarly, just four classical composers (Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky) wrote almost all the music played by modern orchestras. Bach, for his part, composed so prolifically that it would take decades of work merely to hand-copy his scores, yet only a small fraction of this prodigious output is commonly performed. The same thing applies to the output of the other three members of this group of hyper-dominant composers: only a small fraction of their work is still widely played. Thus, a small fraction of the music composed by a small fraction of all the classical composers who have ever composed makes up almost all the classical music that the world knows and loves.

This principle is sometimes known as Price's law, after Derek J. de Solla Price, the researcher who discovered its application in science in 1963. It can be modelled using an approximately L-shaped graph, with number of people on the vertical axis and productivity or resources on the horizontal. The basic principle had been discovered much earlier. Vilfredo Pareto (1848-1923), an Italian polymath, noticed its applicability to wealth distribution in the early twentieth century and it appears true for every society ever studied, regardless of governmental form. It also applies to the population of cities (a very small number have almost all the people), the mass of heavenly bodies (a very small number hoard all the matter), and the frequency of words in a language (90 percent of communication occurs using just 500 words), among many other things. Sometimes it is known as the Matthew Principle (Matthew 25:29), derived from what might be the harshest statement ever attributed to Christ: "to those who have everything, more will be given; from those who have nothing, everything will be taken".

STEP3E

(D - 3)

Instructions : Question No. 4 to 23 carry **ONE** mark each. Each question has Four Options. There is only one correct answer to each question. Choose the **MOST APPROPRIATE** option and write your answer on the **Answer Sheet** provided to you. Question Number be clearly written at the top of each Answer in your Answer Sheet.

4. Choose the word opposite in meaning to 'DEMOLISH'

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| (1) Construct | (2) Constant |
| (3) Congestion | (4) Consult |

5. Choose the word opposite in meaning to ROGUE

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| (1) Knave | (2) Cheat |
| (3) Saint | (4) Scoundrel |

6. Choose the word opposite in meaning to DISPERSE

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| (1) Disseminate | (2) Closet |
| (3) Collect | (4) Comb |

7. Choose the word closest in meaning to 'SIMMER'

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| (1) Parley | (2) Reduce |
| (3) Parcel | (4) Brew |

8. Choose the word closest in meaning to 'ROBE'

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| (1) Crochet | (2) Clove |
| (3) Cloak | (4) Colour |

9. Choose the word closest in meaning to OBSTINATE

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| (1) Caustic | (2) Stubborn |
| (3) Violent | (4) Opposite |

10. Choose the word closest in meaning to OBSTRUCTION

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| (1) Blockage | (2) Bandage |
| (3) Closure | (4) Obituary |

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- Spot the error in the given sentence.

The opposition differed against the government over the question of disinvestment.

A

B

C

D

(1) B

(2) C

(3) D

(4) A

12. Fill in the blank with suitable alternative.

We _____ eat to live, but we should not live to eat.

(1) do

(2) must

(3) shall

(4) will

13. Fill in the blank with suitable alternative He fled lest he _____ killed.

(1) will be

(2) should be

(3) is

(4) may be

14. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.

Do women _____ leadership differently from men?

(1) Undertake

(2) Authorise

(3) Tolerate

(4) Exercise

15. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom 'To turn down'.

(1) Follow

(2) Throw

(3) Reject

(4) Fail

16. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom 'To smell a rat'.

(1) To misunderstand

(2) To suspect a trick or deceit

(3) To smell bad odour

(4) To see the hidden meaning

17. Choose the word opposite in meaning to 'PESSIMISTIC'.

(1) Extrovert

(2) Quiet

(3) Hopeful

(4) Introvert

18. Pick out the correctly spelt word.

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| (1) Carniverous | (2) Cornivorus |
| (3) Carnnivoruous | (4) Carnivoruous |

19. Fill in the blank with correct form of verb.

'Silver as well as cotton _____ fallen in price.'

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| (1) has | (2) were |
| (3) am | (4) have |

20. Choose the appropriate passive voice for the given sentence

I have written a letter to the Commissioner of Police.

- (1) A letter has been written by me to the Commissioner of Police
- (2) A letter had been written by me to the Commissioner of Police
- (3) A letter from the Commissioner of Police will be received by me
- (4) The Commissioner of Police will be receiving a letter from me

21. Choose the most appropriate word for the given phrase

'the act or state of keeping together'

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| (1) Disintegration | (2) Collusion |
| (3) Coherence | (4) Cohesion |

22. Choose the most appropriate word for the given phrase

'too pretty or attractive in a way that is annoying or not realistic'

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| (1) Cutesy | (2) Cuticle |
| (3) Cutella | (4) Cute |

23. Spot the error in the given sentence

In the present time of uncertainty, one could be ready to face all disasters and misfortunes.

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| (1) B | (2) C | | |
| (3) D | (4) A | | |

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