

Q1.	<p>Q. Read the extract and answer the questions given below: <i>For once on the face of the Earth let's not speak in any language, let's stop for one second, and not move our arms so much. It would be an exotic moment without rush, without engines, we would all be together in a sudden strangeness.</i></p> <p>Margaret Atwood said, "Language divides us into fragments, I wanted to be whole." Choose the option that correctly comments on the relationship between Margaret Atwood's words and the line from the above extract – "let's not speak in any language"</p>
	<p>a. Atwood endorses Neruda's call not to speak in any language. (Explanation- The reason behind this choice is that language so often becomes the cause of most of the quarrels in the world of humans. Here language includes gestures also.)</p>
Q2.	<p>In 'Keeping Quiet' the poet does not want the reader to confuse his advice for ____ with total inactivity.</p>
	<p>d. Introspection (Explanation- In 'Keeping Quiet' the poet does not want the reader to confuse his advice for introspection with total inactivity. He does not want us to stop our work. He actually wants that we should take some time to analyse the results of our deeds.)</p>
Q3.	<p>Q. Which of these incidents is similar to what the narrator of 'Deep Water' experienced with swimming?</p>
	<p>d. Jaya got stuck in an elevator at a mall and refused to ride an elevator for years after the incident. Last week, she managed to get in an elevator with her friend's help for the first time in five years. (Explanation- The message conveyed by this story "Deep Water" is that it is not death but the fear of death that creates terror in our mind. So, we need to remove that fear of death. One great lesson we can acquire from the William Douglas' Deep Water is how to win over fear with the help of determination and willpower. The writer because of a misadventure in childhood developed a phobia of water but later got rid of that phobia with the help of an instructor. Jaya's case is similar to that.)</p>
Q4.	<p>Read the extract and answer the questions given below: My breath was gone. I was frightened. Father laughed, but there was terror in my heart at the overpowering force of the waves. My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears. But in a little while I gathered confidence. I paddled with my new water wings, watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. I did this two or three times on different days and was just beginning to feel at ease in the water when the misadventure happened.</p> <p>Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below. Statement 1: The author's father laughed to mock his son's inability to swim. Statement 2: The author wanted to swim just to prove to his father that he can swim.</p>
	<p>b. Neither Statement 1 nor Statement 2 can be inferred. (Explanation- None of the statements can be inferred from the text. The father was not mocking his son's inability to swim and the author wanted to swim because he realized that with his phobia of water he couldn't enjoy boating, swimming or fishing. So, he decided to learn to swim.)</p>

Q5.	<p>“My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears.” It can be inferred that this was a clear case of</p>
	<p>d. repression (Explanation- The narrator mentions that their introduction to the YMCA swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears. This indicates that the narrator had previously repressed or suppressed those memories and fears, keeping them hidden or buried in their subconscious. The experience at the swimming pool brought them back to the surface, suggesting a resurfacing of suppressed emotions and anxieties.</p> <p>Repression: Repression involves the unconscious blocking or pushing away of thoughts, memories, or emotions. It occurs when an individual involuntarily prevents certain thoughts or experiences from entering their conscious awareness.</p> <p>Suppression: Suppression, on the other hand, is a conscious effort to deliberately push away thoughts, emotions, or impulses. Unlike repression, which occurs unconsciously, suppression is a voluntary act of deliberately avoiding or suppressing unwanted thoughts or feelings.)</p>
Q6.	<p>Read the following about invitation drafting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A formal invitation is normally a one line presentation in the third person. 2. Formal invitations are generally printed invitation cards. 3. Formal invitations are used to invite guests on some auspicious occasion like birthdays, weddings, inauguration of shops, houses, etc. 4. The invitation answers the questions who, whom, when, where, what time and for what, i.e.,the occasionname(s) of the inviteename(s) of the hostdate, time and venue. 5. The other details include name, designation and address of the organiser, sponsor or host or the name(s) of the chief guest or special invitees, in case of an official invitation. 6. Printed formal invitations include the name of the addressee. <p>Which of the above are NOT correct:</p>
	<p>(A) c. 1 and 6 (Explanation- A formal invitation is normally a <u>one sentence</u> not a one-line presentation in the third person. It doesn't include the name and address of the addressee.)</p>
Q7.	<p>Read the extract and answer the questions given below:</p> <p>From that day onwards it was celebration time for all the tigers inhabiting Pratibandapuram. The state banned tiger hunting by anyone except the Maharaja. A proclamation was issued to the effect that if anyone dared to fling so much as a stone at a tiger, all his wealth and property would be confiscated. The Maharaja vowed he would attend to all other matters only after killing the hundred tigers. Initially, the king seemed well set to realize his ambition. Not that he faced no dangers. There were times when the bullet missed its mark, the tiger leapt upon him and he fought the beast with his bare hands. Each time it was the Maharaja who won.</p> <p>Pick the pair of TRUE statements based on the extract.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tiger hunting was absolutely banned in the kingdom. 2. The Maharaja was extremely courageous and fearless. 3. The Maharaja paid no heed to matters related to his kingdom. 4. The Maharaja was able to fulfill his ambition, without any perils.
	<p>c. 2 and 3 (Explanation- Tiger hunting was not absolutely banned in the kingdom as the king himself was free to kill the tigers. So, the first statement is incorrect. There were times when the bullet missed its mark, the tiger leapt upon him and he fought the beast with his bare hands. – This confirms that the fourth statement is incorrect.)</p>

<p>Q8.</p>	<p>Q. Read the extract and answer the questions given below: From that day onwards it was celebration time for all the tigers inhabiting Pratibandapuram. The state banned tiger hunting by anyone except the Maharaja. A proclamation was issued to the effect that if anyone dared to fling so much as a stone at a tiger, all his wealth and property would be confiscated. The Maharaja vowed he would attend to all other matters only after killing the hundred tigers. Initially, the king seemed well set to realize his ambition. Not that he faced no dangers. There were times when the bullet missed its mark, the tiger leapt upon him and he fought the beast with his bare hands. Each time it was the Maharaja who won. On the basis of this passage, pick the option that enumerates the characteristics of the king. 1. gullible 2. arrogant 3. wilful 4. aggressive 5. apathetic 6. scrupulous</p>
	<p>d. 2, 3 and 5 (Explanation- The reading of the lesson clearly shows that the king was arrogant, wilful and apathetic. There are no instances that show him to be gullible, aggressive or scrupulous.)</p>
<p>Q9.</p>	<p>You are Aryan. You are concerned about the health hazards caused by the use of pesticides and other harmful chemicals. Write a letter to the editor of "The Indian Times" expressing your views on the subject. Aryan decided to conclude his letter with a tag line. Which one will be suitable to the issue he raises here?</p>
	<p>d. It is high time that some eco-friendly measures to be taken to benefit the farmers and also improve the health of people. (Explanation- First three options talk about strict laws or banning the use of pesticides. So, the fourth one is the better option.)</p>
<p>Q10.</p>	<p>You are Arti of Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bangalore. You feel impressed at the improved performance of India at Olympics but feel that facilities need to be improved. Write a letter to the Editor, The Times of India expressing your views on how the standard of performances in sports can be improved in India. What should be the most appropriate subject for the letter?</p>
	<p>d. Needs improved mindset of people about sport regarding. (Explanation- The fourth option talks about the mindset of the people. If people develop a positive attitude towards sports naturally all other facilities will improved. So, fourth one is the best option.)</p>