

**I. Read the Extract A and Extract B and then answer the questions from 1 to 8:**

*Extract A: The Championship Race*

*Extract B: The Soccer Tryouts*

**Multiple-Choice Questions:**

**1. In Extract A, what is Emma's main goal during the race?**

**Answer: C. To beat her main competitor, Kelly**

**Explanation:** Emma's main goal is to finally beat Kelly, who has been the champion for the past three years.

**2. How does Emma feel after winning the race in Extract A?**

**Answer: B. Relieved and proud**

**Explanation:** After winning, Emma feels a mix of exhaustion and joy, with tears of happiness streaming down her face.

**3. What moment in Extract A marks the climax of the race?**

**Answer: B. The final stretch when Emma overtakes Kelly**

**Explanation:** The climax occurs when Emma makes a final surge to overtake Kelly in the last stretch of the race.

**4. How does Sam feel before soccer tryouts in Extract B?**

**Answer: B. Nervous and anxious**

**Explanation:** Sam is nervous, feeling a knot in his stomach as he heads toward the field for tryouts.

**5. What advice does the coach give to Sam in Extract B?**

**Answer: A. To try harder and not to think so much**

**Explanation:** The coach advises Sam to relax and stop overthinking, as he has the skills but needs to play with confidence.

**6. How does Sam's performance improve during the tryouts in Extract B?**

**Answer: A. He becomes more confident and plays with better technique.**

**Explanation:** After receiving advice from the coach, Sam gains confidence and starts playing with more assurance.

**7. What role does the coach play in Extract B?**

**Answer: B. He is supportive and offers helpful feedback.**

**Explanation:** The coach gives Sam constructive feedback, encouraging him to relax and trust his skills.

**8. In Extract A, what motivates Emma to push herself during the race?**

**Answer: C. The competition with Kelly and the chance to win**

**Explanation:** Emma is motivated by the desire to defeat Kelly and finally win the race, after having always been in second place.

**Summary of Answer Explanations:**

**Extract A** portrays the intensity of competition and the emotional high that comes with achieving a long-sought victory.

**Extract B** offers a more personal and relatable look at how someone can improve their performance with guidance and confidence.

**II. Read the following Poem and answer the questions from 9 to 14:**

**A Light in the Dark**

**Multiple-Choice Questions**

**9. What does the "single star" represent?**

**Correct Answer: A) A symbol of hope in difficult times**

**Explanation:** The star's ability to shine through the darkness symbolizes hope and resilience during hard times.

**10. Why does the speaker describe the star as having "quiet power"?**

**Correct Answer: A) It is a symbol of the speaker's strength**

**Explanation:** The phrase "quiet power" emphasizes that strength can be subtle and not always loud, much like hope in times of despair.

**11. What role do shadows play in the poem?**

**Correct Answer: B) They symbolize the unknown or fear**

**Explanation:** Shadows are often associated with darkness, fear, and uncertainty in literature, representing difficult emotions or situations.

**12. What is the tone of the poem?**

**Correct Answer: B) Hopeful and reflective**

**Explanation:** The poem conveys a sense of hope and contemplation, as the speaker reflects on the meaning of the star's light in the darkness.

**13. What is implied by the line, "That single star reminds me of light"?**

**Correct Answer: C) The speaker finds strength in the smallest signs of hope**

**Explanation:** The line suggests that even the smallest light, like the star, can offer a powerful reminder of hope and direction.

**14. What does the speaker want to escape?**

**Correct Answer: B) The shadows and gloom**

**Explanation:** The poem describes the speaker's desire to escape darkness and despair, seeking light and hope.

*III. Read the text below, which consists of six paragraphs (questions 15 – 20).*

*For questions 15 – 20, choose the option (A – G) which best summarises each paragraph. There is one extra option which you do not need to use.*

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**Answer Key:**

15. F 16. A 17. E 18. C 19. D 20. G

*IV. Read the extracts below and answer the questions 21 – 28, choose the option (A, B, C or D) which you think best answers the question.*

## First Time in the City

### Answers & Explanations

**21. C - Overwhelmed and unsure**

**Explanation** - Ayaan is nervous and unprepared for the chaos of the city, feeling lost and intimidated.

**22. B - Roasted peanuts and tea**

**Explanation** - The passage describes the mix of smells in the train station, helping to create a vivid setting.

**23. B - He is nervous about losing it in the crowd.**

**Explanation** - Ayaan is unfamiliar with large crowds and holds onto his bag tightly out of fear.

**24. B - Life in the city moves fast, and people must adjust.**

**Explanation** - Rafiq is explaining that the city has a fast pace, and Ayaan will need to get used to it.

**25. C - The village is slower and less crowded.**

**Explanation** - Ayaan notices the stark contrast between the peaceful village and the noisy, fast-paced city.

**26. A - To make him feel more comfortable in the city**

**Explanation** - Rafiq wants to help Ayaan adjust by introducing him to something new but comforting.

**27. B - The city has some good things if he gives it time.**

**Explanation** - By the end, Ayaan begins to warm up to the city, just like he starts appreciating the strong tea.

**28. C - He feels overwhelmed at first but then starts to adapt.**

**Explanation** - At first, he is scared and confused, but by the end, he begins to adjust and feel more at ease.