

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

*Extract A: The First Steps on Titan*

*Extract B: Dad's "Brilliant" Rocket Launch*

**1. What makes Titan an exciting location for space exploration?**

**Answer: B. It has a rich and mysterious landscape, including methane rivers.**

**Explanation:** The passage describes Titan as an alien world covered in methane rivers and an orange haze, making it a fascinating target for exploration.

**2. What is the main goal of Dr. Carter's mission?**

**Answer: A. To search for signs of life or new scientific discoveries.**

**Explanation:** Dr. Carter is focused on collecting samples that could redefine what humans know about life in the universe.

**3. What causes excitement at the end of Extract A?**

**Answer: C. The instruments detect movement under the surface.**

**Explanation:** The sudden detection of movement suggests a major discovery, adding suspense to the story.

**4. In Extract B, how does the narrator feel about Dad's rocket idea before the launch?**

**Answer: B. Sceptical but amused.**

**Explanation:** The narrator recalls past failed inventions and exchanges worried glances with Maya, showing doubt but also humour.

**5. What goes wrong during the rocket launch?**

**Answer: C. The rocket flies sideways instead of upwards.**

**Explanation:** Instead of going up, the rocket zooms sideways and crashes into the neighbour's pond.

**6. What is the function of Maya's line: "Another brilliant idea" at the end?**

**Answer: B. It sarcastically comments on his failure.**

**Explanation:** The phrase "brilliant idea" is used ironically, since the rocket's flight was a disaster.

**7. How do the tones of the two extracts differ?**

**Answer: A. Extract A is serious and suspenseful, while Extract B is humorous and light-hearted.**

**Explanation:** The first passage is about a groundbreaking space mission, while the second is a comedic family mishap.

**8. What lesson does the narrator learn in Extract B?**

**Answer: A. That backyard rockets can be dangerous.**

**Explanation:** The narrator realizes that, while Dad's inventions are fun, they don't always go as planned and can cause unexpected chaos.

**Summary of Answer Explanations:**

**Extract A** is a **suspenseful, scientific** story about a space mission, hinting at the possibility of extraterrestrial life.

**Extract B** is a **humorous family mishap** about a failed rocket launch, showing how optimism doesn't always lead to success.

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

**The Storm Inside**

**9. What does the storm inside symbolize?**

**Answer: C) The speaker's inner conflict and turmoil**

**Explanation:** The storm represents the internal struggles and emotional turmoil that the speaker is experiencing but cannot express outwardly.

**10. What does "lightning strikes with a flash of blue" suggest?**

**Answer: B) The storm's intensity and unpredictability**

**Explanation:** The flash of blue lightning suggests a sudden, powerful burst of energy, representing the intensity of the emotions or thoughts the speaker is grappling with.

**11. How does the speaker describe their thoughts during the storm?**

**Answer: B) Chaotic and overwhelming**

**Explanation:** The "whirlwind of thoughts" suggests that the speaker's mind is in turmoil, with many conflicting emotions and ideas swirling together.

**12. What is the significance of "calm will return with skies so blue"?**

**Answer: C) The speaker knows the turmoil will eventually pass**

**Explanation:** This line represents hope and assurance that the emotional storm will eventually subside, bringing peace and clarity once more.

**13. What does the phrase "I'm the eye of the storm after it all" mean?**

**Answer: C) The speaker is the calm and strength amid the chaos**

**Explanation:** The "eye of the storm" represents a place of calm and clarity, suggesting that the speaker can

find peace even within the chaos of their emotions.

**14. What is the poem's central message?**

**Answer: C)** Inner conflict is temporary, and peace can follow turmoil

**Explanation:** The poem suggests that although emotional storms are intense, they are temporary, and peace can be restored once the storm has passed.

29. contrasts physical courage with moral courage? **(B)**

30. uses a personal anecdote to illustrate a point about courage? **(D)**

**Explanation:**

- **(A)** describes an everyday act of courage in response to an emergency.
- **(B)** critiques the idea of courage, suggesting it can lead to recklessness.
- **(C)** explains how courage can be developed through practice and support.
- **(D)** provides a comparison of past and present courage, linking it to technological progress.

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**III. Read the text below, which consists of few 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.**

*The Ethics of AI in the Workplace*

Answers: 15 E, 16 A, 17 G, 18 D, 19 B, 20 F  
Extra (Unused) Sentence: C

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**IV. Read the four extracts below on the theme of courage. For questions 21 – 30, choose the option (A, B, C or D) which you think best answers the question.**

**Which writer ...**

21. describes a moment where courage is shown in an everyday situation? **(A)**

22. questions the idea that courage is always an admirable trait? **(B)**

23. highlights how courage can be taught or developed? **(C)**

24. refers to a moment where courage is driven by responsibility rather than personal gain? **(A)**

25. compares past and present examples of courage? **(D)**

26. expresses admiration for someone who showed courage in the face of uncertainty? **(D)**

27. discusses the emotional challenges of being courageous? **(B)**

28. provides an example of courage that is linked to technological progress? **(D)**