

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

Extract A: The Gift of Patience

Extract B: The Rush to the Finish Line

1. What lesson does Thomas learn in Extract A?

Answer: B. Patience is important in life.

Explanation: In Extract A, Thomas learns that patience is key, especially when it comes to fishing, and that rushing doesn't bring the desired results.

2. In Extract A, what does Thomas's grandfather mean by "Patience is not about waiting. It's about how you wait"?

Answer: B. How you wait can affect the outcome.

Explanation: Thomas's grandfather teaches him that patience isn't just about sitting idly, but about being calm and peaceful during the wait, which leads to better results.

3. How does Thomas feel at first while fishing in Extract A?

Answer: B. Impatient and restless.

Explanation: At first, Thomas is restless and impatient, tapping his foot and checking his watch repeatedly, eager for the fish to bite.

4. In Extract B, why did the narrator initially join the running club?

Answer: C. To get in shape quickly.

Explanation: The narrator initially joined the running club thinking it would be easy and quick, expecting to just run a few laps and be done with it.

5. What does the coach emphasize in Extract B?

Answer: C. Focusing on the process is more important than finishing quickly.

Explanation: The coach encourages the narrator to focus on the process of running, enjoying the journey, rather than just rushing to finish the race.

6. What change happens in the narrator's perspective in Extract B?

Answer: B. The narrator starts to appreciate the experience, not just the end result.

Explanation: The narrator shifts from wanting to finish quickly to appreciating the experience of running and the peacefulness it brings.

7. How does the narrator feel about running by the end of Extract B?

Answer: B. The narrator feels relaxed and happy in the moment.

Explanation: By the end of Extract B, the narrator enjoys running at their own pace, appreciating the peaceful experience and letting go of the need to rush.

8. How are the tones of Extract A and Extract B different?

Answer: C. Extract A is reflective and serious, while Extract B is more casual and relaxed.

Explanation: Extract A is more formal and reflective as it involves a moral lesson about patience, while Extract B is informal, focusing on a more casual reflection about slowing down in life.

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

Fragments of the
Past

Multiple-Choice Questions:

9. What do the "pieces of memories" represent?

Answer: B) Moments that the speaker cannot forget

Explanation: The "pieces of memories" represent the moments that the speaker holds onto, unable to forget them, even if they are fragmented.

10. What do the "bright" memories symbolize in the poem?

Answer: A) The happiest times in the speaker's life

Explanation: Bright memories, like stars, symbolize positive, joyful experiences that shine brightly in the speaker's recollections.

11. What is the significance of "whispers that pass by"?

Answer: C) They represent fleeting moments or experiences

Explanation: "Whispers that pass by" symbolize memories or moments that fade quickly, never lingering for long in the speaker's mind.

12. What is implied by the line "a puzzle, a race never won"?

Answer: B) The speaker is overwhelmed by the task of understanding their past

Explanation: The line suggests that understanding the past is a challenge, like a puzzle that cannot be fully solved.

13. What do the "broken pieces" represent in the poem?

Answer: B) The imperfections in the speaker's life and experiences

Explanation: "Broken pieces" symbolize the incomplete or imperfect parts of life and memories that still hold meaning, shaping the speaker's identity.

14. How do the memories "shape who I am, from youth"?

Answer: C) The speaker's past experiences influence their current identity

Explanation: The line suggests that the speaker's past, with all its memories, both good and bad, plays a significant role in shaping who they are today.

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 Power of Wind

Answers and Explanations:

- **27 – A:** This paragraph discusses how wind power has been used throughout history, making A the best choice.
 - **28 – B:** It focuses on the invention of wind-powered electricity and early developments, matching B.
 - **29 – E:** The paragraph highlights how wind energy is being used as a clean alternative to fossil fuels, which fits E.
 - **30 – D:** The challenges of wind energy, including inconsistency and impact on wildlife, align with D.
 - **31 – C:** Offshore wind farms and their benefits are the main topic, so C is the best summary.
 - **32 – F:** The last paragraph discusses how wind energy could be a key energy source in the future, making F the right choice.
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IV. Read the four extracts below and answer the questions 21 – 30, choose the option (A, B, C or D) which you think best answers the question.

Extract 1: The Secret World of My Mind

Extract 2: Imagination Sparks Invention

Extract 3: When Imagination Tricks You

Extract 4: The Power of Daydreaming

21. Which extract describes a feeling of being immersed in an imagined world?

Answer: A

22. Which extract refers to using imagination as a source of professional inspiration?

Answer: B

23. Which extract mentions picturing something impossible in real life?

Answer: D

24. Which extract argues that imagination can teach us something useful?

Answer: B

25. Which extract discusses how people sometimes imagine details that aren't actually real?

Answer: C

26. Which extract states that imagined ideas often lose their power once reality sets in?

Answer: A

27. Which extract mentions a place that looked different in an imagined version compared to its real appearance?

Answer: C

28. Which extract describes how a strange mental image prevented the writer from focusing?

Answer: D

29. Which extract explains why we sometimes accept unrealistic ideas in our imagination as meaningful?

Answer: A

30. Which extract discusses advice about sharing imaginative ideas with others?

Answer: B