

I. Read the text and then answer the questions from 1 to 8:

The Mango Tree

1. **What is Lila's initial reaction to the market in Amsar?**
The correct answer is **B**. Lila feels overwhelmed by the sights, sounds, and smells of the market, which is unfamiliar to her. A is incorrect because she doesn't express excitement at first. C is incorrect because she doesn't feel at home yet. D is incorrect because there's no mention of irritation.
2. **Why did Lila's grandmother ask her to visit the mango tree?**
The correct answer is **C**. Lila's grandmother asks her to visit the mango tree to help her understand life in the village. A is incorrect because the purpose is not to gather mangoes. B is incorrect because it's about understanding, not history. D is incorrect because the visit is to connect with the village, not to escape.
3. **What does Lila discover about the mango tree when she touches its bark?**
The correct answer is **B**. The tree symbolizes patience and endurance, which Lila realizes when she touches its bark. A is incorrect because the tree is not described as cold. C is incorrect because there is no suggestion that the tree is younger than expected. D is incorrect because the tree is not dying.
4. **What does Lila's experience under the mango tree suggest about her personal growth?**
The correct answer is **A**. Lila begins to appreciate the slower pace of village life after her experience with the mango tree. B is incorrect because her growth is about acceptance, not uncertainty. C is incorrect because she does not wish to return to the city. D is incorrect because she does not show anger toward her grandmother.
5. **How does Lila's perspective change throughout the passage?**
The correct answer is **C**. Lila starts to see the value in the slower, more peaceful pace of village life. A is incorrect because she doesn't become frustrated. B is incorrect because she doesn't yearn for the city. D is incorrect because she does not stop caring.
6. **What is the significance of the mango tree in the passage?**
The correct answer is **B**. The mango tree symbolizes the connection between generations and the endurance of life in the village. A is incorrect because the tree is not specifically about the seasons. C is incorrect because the tree's significance is more symbolic than practical. D is incorrect because it's not a

place for socializing.

7. **How does Lila feel when she stands beneath the mango tree?**
The correct answer is **B**. Lila feels a sense of calm and connection to the village when she stands beneath the tree. A is incorrect because she feels calm, not lost. C is incorrect because she doesn't feel lonely. D is incorrect because she does not feel frustrated.
8. **What is the main theme of the passage?**
The correct answer is **B**. The main theme of the passage is the challenges and personal growth involved in adjusting to a new environment. A is incorrect because the passage focuses on Lila's personal growth, not just family traditions. C is incorrect because the passage is not about nature's beauty alone. D is incorrect because the focus is on Lila's growth, not just the contrast between urban and rural lifestyles.

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

Shifting Sands

9. **What does the "desert wind" symbolize in the poem?**
Correct Answer: B) The passing of time and forgotten memories
Explanation: The desert wind symbolizes the passage of time, erasing memories and stories, just as the wind changes the shape of the dunes.
10. **What do the "grains of sand" represent?**
Correct Answer: A) Small moments that make up life
Explanation: Grains of sand symbolize the fleeting moments of life, each moment contributing to the bigger picture, yet disappearing quickly.
11. **What does the speaker mean by "each step I take sinks deep in the earth"?**
Correct Answer: B) The speaker's actions have lasting consequences
Explanation: The line reflects the impact of each action, emphasizing that even small steps leave traces in the world, even if they seem temporary.
12. **What is implied by the phrase "time's fleeting worth"?**
Correct Answer: B) Time is precious but passes quickly
Explanation: The line reflects the idea that time is valuable, yet it slips away unnoticed, much like sand through fingers.
13. **What is the significance of the shifting dunes?**
Correct Answer: A) They represent the inevitable changes in life

Explanation: The shifting dunes symbolize the constant changes in life, just as memories and moments fade or change over time.

14. What is the speaker's attitude toward the desert's lessons?

Correct Answer: B) *They find them difficult to understand*

Explanation: The speaker feels that the lessons of the desert, like time and memories, are hard to grasp and often misunderstood.

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 Future of Renewable Energy.

Answer Key:

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

Read the four extracts below on the theme of resilience.

For questions 21–30, choose the option (A, B, C, or D) which you think best answers the question.

21. describes a personal experience that led to a deeper appreciation of resilience?

Answer - Extract A - The writer shares personal observations of residence through their grandmother, highlighting how small, everyday moments reflect strength

22. challenges the traditional idea of what it means to be resilient?

Answer - Extract B - The writer questions conventional views of resilience and suggests an alternative perspective using the metaphor of kintsugi.

23. refers to a well-known public figure who embodies resilience?

Answer - Extract C - The reference to Helen Keller exemplifies resilience through a well-known historical figure.

24. suggests that resilience can be cultivated through everyday experiences?

Answer - Extract D - The writer suggests resilience is something cultivated through experiences like marathon running.

25. illustrates resilience through a historical event?

Answer - Extract C - Helen Keller's story is set in a historical context, showing resilience over time.

26. reflects on how resilience is often unnoticed until hardship occurs?

Answer - Extract A - The passage highlights how resilience is often quiet and unnoticed until one reflects on it.

27. provides an example of resilience in a non-human context?

Answer - Extract B - The metaphor of kintsugi provides an example of resilience in a non-human context.

28. uses a humorous or light-hearted approach to discussing resilience?

Answer - Extract D - The tone of the passage, with the anecdote of marathon running, takes a more relatable and light-hearted approach.

29. argues that resilience is often misunderstood or misrepresented?

Answer - Extract B - The writer argues that resilience is not about being unbreakable but about accepting and repairing oneself.

30. discusses the role of failure in developing resilience?

Answer - Extract D - The writer connects resilience to struggle and failure, showing that it is built over time rather than innate.