

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

*Extract A: The Silent Grove*

**Multiple-Choice Questions:**

**1. In Extract A, what is the significance of the ancient oak tree?**

**Answer: B. It symbolizes something sacred and timeless.**

**Explanation:** The family feels awe and reverence when they see the ancient oak, suggesting it is a symbol of something enduring and special.

**2. In Extract B, how does the narrator feel about the nature hike?**

**Answer: B. Annoyed and frustrated by the difficulty.**

**Explanation:** The narrator humorously describes the hike as exhausting and full of mishaps, implying frustration with the difficulty of the hike.

**3. How does the setting in Extract A influence the family's mood?**

**Answer: B. It makes them feel connected to nature and peaceful.**

**Explanation:** The family feels a sense of awe and reverence in the presence of the ancient oak, suggesting they feel at peace and connected to the timeless beauty of nature.

**4. What is the main challenge the family faces in Extract A?**

**Answer: B. The path is full of obstacles, such as brambles and roots.**

**Explanation:** The family struggles to navigate through thick underbrush, making their journey difficult.

**5. In Extract B, how does the narrator describe the sloth?**

**Answer: A. As lazy but cute.**

**Explanation:** The narrator describes the sloth as hanging lazily from a tree but still finds it cute.

**6. In Extract A, who is leading the family during their journey?**

**Answer: A. The father.**

**Explanation:** The father is the first to speak when they reach the ancient oak, which suggests he is leading the family during their journey.

**7. How does the narrator in Extract B feel about the vacation overall?**

**Answer: C. The narrator wishes they had gone to a beach resort instead.**

**Explanation:** The narrator humorously suggests that they might have enjoyed a beach resort more, highlighting the challenges of the jungle trip.

**8. What is the tone of Extract A?**

**Answer: B. Adventurous and peaceful.**

**Explanation:** The tone of Extract A is calm and reflective, with a sense of adventure mixed with awe and reverence for nature.

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

*The Weight of Silence.*

**9. How is silence described in the poem?**

**Answer: B) As a heavy burden**

**Explanation:** Silence is compared to a "heavy stone," suggesting it is difficult to bear and weighs heavily on the speaker.

**10. What do the "thoughts drift like leaves" suggest?**

**Answer: B) Thoughts are easily carried away by emotions**

**Explanation:** The image of thoughts drifting like leaves suggests that the speaker's mind is unsettled, and thoughts are moved by unseen forces, like emotions.

**11. What is implied by "winds no one perceives"?**

**Answer: B) The speaker feels misunderstood or alone**

**Explanation:** The "winds no one perceives" suggest an unseen, unnoticed influence, symbolizing the speaker's isolation or the unnoticed forces shaping their thoughts.

**12. What is the "truth" the poem refers to in "Yet in that stillness, a truth is found"?**

**Answer: B) The realization that silence is powerful**

**Explanation:** The poem suggests that in silence, the speaker finds a deeper understanding, revealing the power of quiet reflection and introspection.

**13. Why does the speaker say "Sometimes words are better left unsaid"?**

**Answer: A) Words can't express what silence conveys**

**Explanation:** The line emphasizes that some truths are best understood or felt in silence, rather than being put into words, which might dilute or misrepresent them.

**14. What does "silence holds the things we've shed" suggest?**

**Answer: D) Silence keeps what we've lost or let go of**

**Explanation:** The line suggests that silence holds the remnants of what we've let go of such as past emotions or experiences that no longer need to be spoken.

**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 Growth of Social Media*

**Answer Key:**    15. A            16. D            17. G  
                      18. B            19. E            20. C

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

#### **Answers and Explanations**

- 21. Extract A** - The writer expresses a personal conflict about identity when faced with external perceptions.
- 22. Extract A** - The passage highlights how other people's views influence one's sense of self.
- 23. Extract B** - Muhammad Ali's journey with his name change is used to illustrate a struggle with identity.
- 24. Extract C** - The writer reflects on how moving abroad altered their sense of self.
- 25. Extract A** - The discussion of being a "blend of cultures" ties identity to cultural background.
- 26. Extract D** - The writer poses a question about whether identity is inherited or self-made.
- 27. Extract C** - The passage emphasizes the evolving nature of identity.
- 28. Extract A** - The personal anecdote about being questioned on identity illustrates a shift in understanding.
- 29. Extract B** - The story of Muhammad Ali suggests that identity is often tied to a sense of belonging or exclusion.
- 30. Extract B** - The challenges Ali faced show how identity can be strengthened through adversity.