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Read the instructions given below.

- ❖ This paper contains parts - A, B, and C, and 07 pages.
- ❖ Answer all questions on the question paper itself.

PART A

Read the following paragraphs to answer the questions below.

When I returned to the common sun was setting. The crowd about the pit had increased and stood out black against the lemon yellow of the sky-a couple of hundred people, perhaps. There were raised voices, and some sort of struggle appeared to be going on about the pit. Strange imaginings passed through my mind. As I drew nearer I heard Stent's voice: "Keep back! Keep back!" A boy came running towards me. "It's moving'," he said to me as he passed; "it's screwing' and screwing' out. I don't like it. I'm going home, I am." I went on to the crowd.

There were really, I should think, two or three hundred people elbowing and jostling one another, the one or two ladies there being by no means the least active. "He's fallen in the pit!" cried someone. "Keep back!" said several. The crowd swayed a little, and I elbowed my way through. Everyone seemed greatly excited. I heard a peculiar humming sound from the pit. "I say!" said Ogilvy. "Help keep these idiots back. We don't know what's in the confounded thing, you know!"

I saw a young man, a shop assistant in Woking I believe he was, standing on the cylinder and trying to scramble out of the hole again. The crowd had pushed him in. The end of the cylinder was being screwed out from within. Nearly two feet of shining screw projected. Somebody blundered against me, and I narrowly missed being pitched onto the top of the screw. I turned, and as I did so the screw must have come out, for the lid of the cylinder fell upon the gravel with a ringing concussion. I stuck my elbow into the person behind me and turned my head towards the Thing again. For a moment that circular cavity seemed perfectly black. I had the sunset in my eyes.

I think everyone expected to see a man emerge-possibly something a little unlike us terrestrial men but in all essentials a man. I know I did. But, looking, I presently saw something stirring within the shadow: greyish billowy movements, one above another, and then two luminous disks-like eyes. Then something resembling a little grey snake, about the thickness of a walking stick, coiled up out of the writhing middle and wriggled in the air towards me and then another. A sudden chill came over me. There was a loud shriek from a woman behind. I half turned, keeping my eyes fixed upon the cylinder still, from which other tentacles were now projecting, and began pushing my way back from the edge of the pit. I saw astonishment giving place to horror on the faces of the people around me. I heard inarticulate exclamations on all sides. There was a general movement backward. I saw the

shopman struggling still on the edge of the pit. I found myself alone and saw the people on the other side of the pit running off, Stent among them. I looked again at the cylinder and ungovernable terror gripped me. I stood petrified and staring.

A big greyish rounded bulk, the size, perhaps, of a bear, was rising slowly and painfully out of the cylinder. As it bulged up and caught the light, it glistened like wet leather. Two large dark-coloured eyes were regarding me steadfastly. The mass that framed them, the head of the thing, was rounded, and had, one might say, a face. There was a mouth under the eyes, the lipless brim of which quivered and panted, and dropped saliva. The whole creature heaved and pulsated convulsively. A lank tentacular appendage gripped the edge of the cylinder, and another swayed in the air.

Those who have never seen a living Martian can scarcely imagine the strange horror of its appearance. The peculiar V-shaped mouth with its pointed upper lip, the absence of brow ridges, the absence of a chin beneath the wedgelike lower lip, the incessant quivering of this mouth, the Gorgon groups of tentacles, the tumultuous breathing of the lungs in a strange atmosphere, the evident heaviness and painfulness of movement due to the greater gravitational energy of the earth—above all, the extraordinary intensity of the immense eyes—were at once vital, intense, inhuman, crippled and monstrous. There was something fungoid in the oily brown skin, something in the clumsy deliberation of the tedious movements unspeakably nasty. Even at this first encounter, this first glimpse, I was overcome with disgust and dread.

Note: Martian refers to an alien

1. This is part of a science fiction story. The most important clue to this would be:

- A: the cylinder in a hole on the common.
- B: something unscrewing the cylinder from within.
- C: the sense of terror and apprehension in the crowd.
- D: the appearance of a Martian.

2. The people in the crowd were first ‘elbowing and jostling’ one another because:

- A: they were retreating in fear from the pit.
- B: some were trying to push others into the pit.
- C: they were excited and curious to see what was in the pit.
- D: a few had lost their tempers.

3. The author hints that the women in the crowd were:

- A: just as aggressive as the men.
- B: more aggressive than the men.
- C: reluctant to push forward.
- D: merely passive onlookers.

4. The mood of the crowd altered suddenly when:

- A: the cylinder opened.
- B: a bear emerged from the cylinder.
- C: a pair of eyes was detected peering at them from the cylinder.
- D: tentacles appeared out of the top of the cylinder.

5. Of the Martian’s features, the one most causing the writer’s disgust and dread was:

- A: the slobbering mouth.
- B: the huge, intensely staring eyes.
- C: the oily, fungoid skin.
- D: the Gorgon-like tentacles.

6. Please read the following sentences.

We all love to win. However, we also have to know how to accept defeat.

If we change the above into a single sentence and begin:

We have to know how to accept defeat.....

What will the best ending be?

A: however, we all love to win.

B: but winning is better.

C: so we can also love to win.

D: even though we all love to win.

7. He was a morose man, so people avoided him.

The word morose in this sentence means:

A: large B: cheerful C: idiotic D: sullen E: none of these

(14 marks)

PART B

Fill in each blank by choosing the most appropriate form of the verb given in brackets.

1. Amila ___ that she ___ the visitor before.

- A) thought / saw B) thinks / sees
- C) is thinking / sees D) thought / had seen
- E) have thought / had seen

2. As it ___ dark we ___ to go home.

- A) gets / decided B) would get / shall decide
- C) had got / have decided D) was getting / decided
- E) will be getting / had decided

3. He ___ looking at her, wondering where he ___ her.

- A) keep / see B) kept / had seen
- C) keeps / saw D) had kept / had seen
- E) being kept / would see

4. They ___ to get married last month although they ___ each other for only six weeks.

- A) decide / know B) decided / know
- C) decided / had known D) decided / knew
- E) decided / has known

5. ___ the weather good when you ___ tennis?

- A) is / played B) was / were playing
- C) will be / played D) is / will be playing
- E) has been / will play

6. When he ____ to the station the train already ____ .
A) comes / left B) came / leaves
C) came / had left D) had come / left
E) has come / leaves
7. Last Monday when I ____ the house it ____ heavily.
A) leave / rain B) left / was raining
C) left / had rained D) was leaving / rained
E) leave / rains
8. Yesterday when Thilak ____ the lesson ____ .
A) comes / already begins B) came / had already begun
C) came / already began D) will come / already begins
E) came / already begins
9. I ____ the call because I ____ a shower.
A) didn't answer / was taking B) don't answer / take
C) doesn't answer / am taking D) will not answer / take
E) am answering / am taking
10. After Mala ____ the room, she ____ the floor.
A) tidied up / washes B) tidies up / has washed
C) has tidied up / washed D) had tidied up / washed
E) is tidying up / washes
11. Yesterday at this time when his hat ____ he ____ across the bridge.
A) blows off / is walking B) blew off / had walked
C) has blown off / is walking D) blew off / was walking
E) had blown off / walks
12. He wanted me to go to the skating-rink together.
As he ____ I ____ my skates he ____ me his brother's.
A) knows / broke / offer
B) knew / broke / offers
C) knew / had broken / offered
D) know / had broken / will offer
E) knew / has broken / offered
13. Tanuj looked at his hands. He ____ that those hands ____ young and strong before.
A) knew / was B) know / are
C) had known / were D) knew / be
E) knew / had been

14. He ___ us the firm ___ wool since 1935.

- A) told / had been exporting B) tells / would export
C) said / is exporting D) will be told / exports
E) told / has been exporting

15. He didn't ___ well though he ___ a hard day before.

- A) slept / spent B) sleep / spend
C) sleeping / had spent D) sleep / had spent
E) slept / had spent

16. He ___ at the blackboard and ___ that the English teacher ___ the word "apple" there.

- A) was looking / sees/wrote B) looks / sees / had written
C) looked / saw / was writing D) is looking / saw / writes
E) has looked / has seen / is writing

(8 marks)

PART C

1. Read the instructions and select the best answer choice for each numbered item.

Turn over a bag of potato chips. Is the label interesting? A simple food recipe may use several ingredients. These come from the soil and from chemistry labs around the world. Surprises also show up on the labels of clothing and other products. Look at the label on a package of lipstick. The tube seems small and shiny, but inside the lipstick, there is soap, oil, fish scales, and wax!

Which is the best way to summarize this passage?

- a) A bag of potato chips seems like a simple recipe. There are many ingredients from the soil and from chemistry labs.
- b) Clothes and other products have many ingredients as well. The lipstick alone has soap, oil, wax, and fish scales.
- c) Labels show what goes into food, clothing, and other products. A simple product may have many ingredients.
- d) Lipstick seems small and shiny. Look at the label sometime. It has at least four different ingredients.

2. The 2014 FIFA World Cup will be held in Brazil. It will be the 20th year of the World Cup. Brazil was chosen in October of 2007 to host the 2014 competition. Earlier in the year, South America had been chosen as the continent for the contest. Brazil was the only country to put in a bid. This is the second time Brazil will host the World Cup. The country hosted it in 1950. It is the first World Cup to be held in South America since 1978, when Argentina hosted. No other South American country has hosted the World Cup more than once.

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