

8th English Unit 4 Questions - New Book
Prose: My Reminiscence

1. The author in 'My Reminiscence' - speaks about the river
- a) Cauvery
 - b) Ganga**
 - c) Indus
 - d) Saraswathi

Explanation:- Rabindranath Tagore on his return from the voyage went and stayed in his brother home in Chandranagore which was in the bank of the river Ganges.

2. The poet recalls the days spent in Ganges river and says the beauty of Bengal and Ganges served as _____ and _____ to him
- a) Fun and frolic
 - b) Day and night
 - c) Food and drink**
 - d) Mom and dad

3. In what ways the river has changed says the author in 'My Reminiscence'?
- a) Nests on the trees were replaced by huge dragon mills**
 - b) There was no trace of river
 - c) Apartment buildings were built on river
 - d) Industries occupied the river side

Explanation:- The river banks are thickly surrounded by green trees and plants. From them hung bunches of nests at the riverside, where the birds would have chirped, leaves rustled, and the wind rushed. Now it has been replaced by huge dragon-like mills making a hissing noise and letting out black smoke.

4. How did the author spent his afternoon in the Ganges riverside ?
- a) By playing harmonium and singing old Vaishnava song
 - b) Sailed boat with his brother playing violin
 - c) By sleeping under tree
 - d) All the above**

Explanation:- The author spent the rainy afternoons in an exciting frenzy way. He played the harmonium as he sang the old Vaishnava songs set to his times. On other afternoons, he sailed slowly in a boat singing Puravi accompanied by his brother

Jyotirindra with his violin. They kept on varying the mode of their music with the declining day.

5. "Flu and movie" are the clipped words of _____ and _____
a) Fluenza and Motion Picture
b) Influenza and Moving Picture
c) Outfluenza and Memorable picture
d) Influenza and Mass Picture
6. "Cab and lunch" are the clipped words of _____ and _____
a) Cabriolet and Luncheon
b) Cabri and Lunching
c) Cabbrot and Lunchin
d) Cabdriving and Lunchfast
7. "Bit and Smog" are the blend words of _____ and _____
a) Binary+Technology and Smoking+Gogging
b) By+Tethering and Smudge+Gas
c) Binary+Digit and Smoke+ Fog
d) Base+Digit and Smoke+Fume
8. "Vitamin and Motel" are the blend words of _____ and _____
a) Vital+mine and Morning+Hhotel
b) Virtual+mineral and Mass+telephone
c) Vital+minerals and Mobile+ hotel
d) Vital+amine and Motor+hotel
9. Match the following idioms to its meaning
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|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| i. A couch potato | - | An important person |
| ii. A Piece of Cake | - | A clever person |
| iii. A smart cookie | - | An idle person |
| iv. Big cheese | - | Easily accomplished |
- a) 1234
b) 4321
c) **3421**
d) 2413

10. Match the following idioms to its meaning

- | | | |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| i. Black sheep | - | Unclear |
| ii. Out of blue | - | Blissfully happy |
| iii. Gray area | - | Odd one out |
| iv. On cloud nine | - | Randomly surprising |
- a) **3412**
b) 4132
c) 2413
d) 3124

11. Match the following idioms to its meaning

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| i. At snails pace | - | Very uncomfortable |
| ii. Lion's share | - | Reveal a secret |
| iii. Let the cat out of bag | - | Biggest part |
| iv. Fish out of water | - | Moving very slowly |
- a) 1234
b) **4321**
c) 2413
d) 3214

12. A noble prize would not be given to

- a) A diplomat who negotiated peace settlement
b) A doctor who discovered a vaccine
c) **A composer who composed a symphony**
d) An author who wrote a novel

Explanation:- Nobel prize was awarded to field of Physics, Chemistry, medicine, peace and economics. It is not given to music field

13. Alfred Nobel left his colossal fortune to the cause of progress in human knowledge because he _____

- a) Was Europe's richest vagabond
b) Was a chemist, poet and engineer
c) **Felt guilty for having invented highly destructive things**
d) Felt guilty for having earned so much

Explanation:- Alfred Nobel invented destructive things which led to his own death. So he wrote a will donating all the money he earned for the betterment of the society and human development

14. The Nobel prize committee had been called a conservative body initially because

- a) **It was conservative in the choice of subject**
- b) Its members believed in conservative ideology
- c) Its members are old fashioned
- d) It awarded prize to those who only adopted conservative approach

15. Fill the suitable conjunction in the following sentence

One should make hay ____ the sun shines. According to this saying, Ravi prepared well for the exams _____ he cleared in first class ____ Radha wasted so much time ____ she failed

- a) When, but, and, so that
- b) **While, and, but, so that**
- c) During, So that, and, Though
- d) While, but, and so, that

16. What type of conjunctions are these “ either or, neither nor, not only, but also”?

- a) Coordinating conjunction
- b) Subordinating conjunction
- c) **Correlative conjunction**
- d) Adjoining conjunction

Explanation:- Correlative conjunction is a type of conjunction that function in pair

17. Fill up the suitable conjunction

Revathi ____ Rohini are friends. Revathi is intelligent ____ careless. Revathi likes ____ chocolates ____ ice creams

- a) And, and, both, and
- b) And, though, not only, and also
- c) Or, But, But, Also
- d) **And, but, not only, but also**

18. Fill the suitable conjunction

- i. _____ it was cloudy, we decided to take an umbrella

- ii. I don't know _____ I can afford to buy the dress or not
iii. Everyone likes him _____ he is very helpful

a) **As, Whether, Because**

b) Since, If, For

c) As, Where, Since

d) Hence, If, For

19. Identify the sentence pattern

“My father presented me a watch”

a) SVO

b) SVCA

c) **SV IO DO**

d) SV DO IO

Explanation:- Question that answer What is Direct object and that answers Whom is Indirect object. Here what = Watch(Direct object) and Whom= me (Indirect object)

20. Identify the sentence pattern

“She gave money to the poor”

a) SVO

b) SVCA

c) SV IO DO

d) **SV DO IO**

Explanation:- Question that answer What is Direct object and that answers Whom is Indirect object. Here what = Money(Direct object) and Whom= Poor (Indirect object)

21. Which of the following sentences are in the pattern of SVC

a) He is a dentist

b) It grew dark

c) The Child laughs

d) **Both A&B**

22. “My father is a farmer in Thiruvapur”

Identify the sentence pattern

a) SVOC

b) **SVCA**

c) SVOA

d) SVAO

23. _____ is a Nobel prize winning Bengali poet, author, who wrote “Gitanjali”

- a) Sarojini Naidu
- b) Rabindranath Tagore**
- c) Bipin Chandra pal
- d) Bakim Chandra Chatterji

Explanation:- "My Reminiscences" was written and published in his fiftieth year, shortly before he started on a trip to Europe and America for his failing health in 1912. It was in the course of this trip that he wrote for the first time in the English language for publication.

24. According to the poet, the dragon-like mills made a hissing sound and let out _____

- a) Bad smell
- b) Fire
- c) Black smoke**
- d) Toxic gases

25. Tagore used his brother's top most round tower room for _____

- a) Writing poetry**
- b) For sleeping
- c) For gazing stars
- d) For admiring river

26. To what does Tagore compare his lovely riverside days?

- a) Fishes jumping over the river
- b) Lotus blossom floating down the stream**
- c) Music of the flute
- d) None of the above

27. Tagore and his brother lived in a _____ called “Moron's Garden” at Chandranagore.

- a) Lane
- b) Cottage
- c) Hut

d) Villa**Poem: A Thing Of Beauty**

28. According to John Keats, A thing of beauty is a _____

- a) Joy forever**
- b) Bliss for short time
- c) Admirable thing
- d) Chaotic thing

29. Why does a thing of beauty never pass into nothingness?

- a) Because it is gift of nature
- b) Because it gives everlasting and never-ending joy**
- c) Because it is depletable
- d) Because it is full of natural resources

Explanation:- *A thing of beauty never passes into nothingness because it would give us a joy which would last with us forever and never end.*

30. What does the line, 'Therefore are we wreathing a flowery band to bind us to earth' suggest ?

- a) A simple beautiful wreath of flowers would make man value beauty in life**
- b) A Group of flowers would make a beautiful wreath
- c) On seeing flowers men feel closeness to God
- d) Flowers bring smile in human's face

Explanation:- *Keats says that human beings are aware of the value of beauty in life. They know that a wreath of flowers in the morning can make their whole day worth living. For, in the moments of gloom and grief, the thought of the beautiful wreath will give them a solace.*

31. How do beautiful things help to live a happy life according to John Keats?

- a) They provide peaceful sleep
- b) Gives eternal joy
- c) Give mental peace
- d) All the above**

Explanation:- Beautiful things are a source of eternal joy which provide peaceful sleep and mental peace, uplift out gloomy souls; provide hope, health, happiness, contentment and comfort. These provide a experience of divine feeling.

32. What is the message conveyed in the poem “A thing of beauty”?

- a) Beauty gives endless joy
- b) It takes out stress and rejuvenates each day
- c) It can never diminish or vanish
- d) All the above**

Explanation:- The message of the poem ‘A thing of Beauty’ is that a thing of beauty gives us endless joy. It can never vanish nor diminish. These things of beauty take away out stress and tension and rejuvenate us each day. The memory of such thing is a source of everlasting happiness.

33. What image does the poet use to describe the beautiful bounty of the Earth?

- a) Mother nature
- b) Caring Father God
- c) Endless fountain pouring from heaven**
- d) Ringed planet

Explanation:- The poet uses the image of nature as an ‘endless fountain’ pouring unto us from heaven. Nature is a source of endless joy. The sun, the moon, the daffodils, the clear streams, the forests etc. are a few beautiful images that make a deep impact on us.

34. A thing of beauty helps us to overcome _____ and _____ in life

- a) Poverty and hopelessness
- b) Self pity and timidness
- c) Pleasure and Pain
- d) Sadness and Hopelessness**

35. “Will keep a bower quiet for us” mean _____

- a) Make beds fit to sleep
- b) Reduce noise
- c) Will stop unpleasant sound
- d) Will give peace and calm**

36. Identify the poetic device used in the following line

“It was dark and cloudy in the woods. The boys were screaming and shouting in fear”

- a) Simile
- b) Imagery**
- c) Apostrophe
- d) Metaphor

Explanation:- Imagery is the way that a writer helps reader visualize or see in their minds what is being described. These images often suggest emotions. Images appeal to one or more of the five senses: sight, hearing, touch, taste or smell.

37. According to Keats, What makes human being life lovable inspite of troubles and sufferings?

- a) Things of beauty that surrounds them**
- b) Faith in God
- c) Family and friends
- d) All the above

38. “A Thing of Beauty” is written by the British romantic poet _____

- a) Ruskin Bond
- b) John Keats**
- c) William Shakespeare
- d) T.S.Elliot

Explanation:- "A Thing of Beauty" is an excerpt from his poem 'Endymion: A Poetic Romance'.

Supplementary Lesson : Crossing The River

39. Select the correct option

Bread : Yeast : Curd : ?

- a) Fungi
- b) Virus
- c) Bacteria**
- d) Germs

40. In the lesson “Crossing the river”, who had many followers and admirers?

- a) Moti, Milkmaid
- b) The landlord

c) The Pundit

d) The boat man

Explanation: *The pundit had many followers and admirers. He was a eloquent speaker and many gathered to listen to his discourse.*

41. Who was also one of the admirer and disciple of Pundit who had commissioned a milk lady to deliver milk to the Pundit daily?

a) Moti

b) Milkmaid

c) Boat man

d) Landlord

Explanation:- *The landlord, who lived in other side of the river had commissioned a maid lady called Moti, to give a tumbler full of milk to Pundit daily.*

42. Identify the synonym meaning of the underlined word

“The milk lady prostrated before the Pundit while delivering the milk to him”

a) Prayed

b) Falling flat on ground as a mark of respect

c) Removed slippers

d) Joining hands and praying

43. Why did Moti, serve the Pandit on daily basis and supplied him milk despite unfavorable climates

a) Moti felt the service to Pundit as great privilege

b) Because Moti liked house of Pundit

c) She got a good income by supplying milk to Pundit

d) She learnt daily mantras from the Pundit

Explanation:- *Moti, admired Pundit and listened to his discourse and she thought him to be man equal to God. So Moti felt the service to Pundit as great privilege.*

44. What was the resolution of Moti?

a) She took oath to become Pundit's disciple

b) She took resolution to learn magic mantras from Pundit

c) Both A&B

d) She had resolved to supply daily milk to the Pundit even if the landlord do not pay her for the milk.

45. When did the Pundit want the milkmaid to deliver the milk as an alternate timing?

- a) At midnight
- b) An hour before the sunrise
- c) At late evening
- d) Afternoon

Explanation:- The Pundit want the milk at dawn, an hour before sunrise to perform some rituals.

46. What did Pundit want Moti to bring milk an hour before sunrise?

- a) **Because he was under a vow to perform some ritual**
- b) In order to feed his cow
- c) To drink as medicine
- d) None of the above

Explanation:- The Pundit want the milk at dawn, an hour before sunrise to perform some rituals.

47. The author of the story “Crossing the river” was _____ who was an Odia and English writer who had won many awards such as Saraswathi Samman, Padma Shri for his contribution in education and literature.

- a) Mukund mukerjee
- b) Sarojini Naidu
- c) **Manoj Das**
- d) Achutam Kesavan

Explanation:- Manoj Das (born 1934) is an award-winning Indian author who writes in Odia and English. In 2000, Manoj Das was awarded with Saraswati Samman. He was awarded Padma Shri in 2001, the fourth highest Civilian Award in India for his contribution in the field of Literature & Education.

48. What is the message/ theme conveyed in the story “Crossing the river”?

- a) **Miracle of faith**
- b) God listens to Poojas and slogans
- c) One should follow what a guru says
- d) Pundits are more powerful

49. Between which two things, the author draws a contrast between in the story “Crossing the river”?

- a) **Scholarship and innocence**
- b) Faith and believe
- c) Happy and sadness
- d) Theism and Atheism

Explanation:- The author draws a contrast between scholarship and innocence, between the knowledge which scholarship secures, but which remains a mere theory and the knowledge that works through ones complete faith and surrender to the Lord.

50. Fill in the blanks with suitable options

As I _____ in the rain for the bus to arrive, it appeared as _____ it would not arrive, _____ it took all my patience.

- a. weighted, though, so
- b. wetted, if, so
- c. **waited, though, till**
- d. Weighed, to me, and

51. Which impossible act made the Pundit faint at the end of the story?

- a) **Milk maid crossed the flooding river ease at foot into the water after praying God**
- b) Milk maid walked in air above the water
- c) Milk maid poured milk from an empty pot after praying to God
- d) None of the above

Explanation:- Moti put her empty pot down and, with folded hands, paid obeisance to the river. Then, picking up the pot, she stepped into the water. Struck dumb, the Pundit saw her crossing the river walking with ease.

52. Match the synonym

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| i. | Spellbound | - | Captivating |
| ii. | Spate | - | Flood |
| iii. | Obeisance | - | Respect |
| iv. | Discourse | - | Discussion |

- a) 4321
- b) 4123
- c) 3412
- d) **1234**

53. Why did the Pundit appreciate the milkmaid?

- a) **For supplying milk at early dawn despite spate in the river**
- b) For giving pure white milk
- c) For visiting him regularly and getting blessing
- d) For doing service to him by cleaning his home

Explanation:- *The Pundit thanked and praised the milkmaid and the boatman who helped her in supplying milk at early hours of dawn in spite of spate in the river.*

54. What secret did the Pundit tell Moti jocularly for crossing the river without the help of the boatman?

- a) By early morning the river water would go low so she could cross river that time
- b) He advised her to borrow the boat from boatman for few days
- c) **He said by uttering name of Vishnu, one could easily cross oceans**
- d) None of the above

55. What made Moti, the milkmaid to perform the magic?

- a) She is innocent and trusted the words of Pundit
- b) She is uneducated and blindly had faith in God
- c) **Both A&B**
- d) She practiced the trick form a magician to fool the Pundit

Explanation:- *It is the knowledge that works through ones complete faith and surrender to the Lord. And innocent people and uneducated do not apply their logical mind. Some times blind folded faith causes the miracle.*