

READING COMPREHENSION PASSAGES FOR PAS CLASS: 10+1

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Discipline is one of the powerful words in our life. It means doing work in an order, being punctual and regular. Discipline means obedience to specific rules and regulations. We act according to certain rules and principles whether we are at home in public. The peace and happiness of a family depends on the disciplined conduct of its members. The word 'discipline' is derived from the Latin word 'DISCIPULUS' which means discipline. The whole universe is governed by strict laws. The Sun, the Moon and the planets move according to certain laws. Had there been no discipline in nature, the world would have been destroyed. It is important in every sphere of life. We cannot prosper in the world without it. If we do not follow discipline, there will be disorder and chaos in the society. Consequently, we shall be ruined. A nation cannot progress if we do not understand the value of discipline. We learn discipline from our homes, our elders and educational institutions. Thus, discipline is necessary in every walk of life. It is the backbone of our society.

1. Which is the most powerful word in our life?
(A) Power **(B) Knowledge**
(C) Discipline **(D) Indiscipline**
2. The peace and happiness of a family depends on
(A) Earning money **(B) Disciplined conduct**
(B) Obedience **(D) Helping each other**
3. The universe is governed by strict laws(True/False)
4. There will be disorder and _____ without discipline.
5. Consequently means _____

ANSWER KEY

1. C) discipline
2. B) Disciplined conduct
3. True
4. Disorder and chaos
5. consequently-as a result

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

Discipline in student life is the art of obeying certain set of rules that help us to live a life of order. It is the conduct that respects laws of the community one lives in. Without discipline there is only chaos and unruliness. Discipline is observed in everything around us. Nature exhibits great discipline in its workings. All the planets rotate around the sun in their orbits without going off course. The sun has been rising in the East and setting in the West for millions of years and so is the case with every process of nature. Indiscipline is the root cause of any failure. An absence of punctuality, lack of routine and seriousness toward a goal are all the different forms of indiscipline. Rejecting the idea of the importance of discipline pushes us back and counts as one of the major reasons for our downfall.

People like Newton, Einstein, Martin Luther King, always respected and valued the importance of discipline and followed a strict routine every day. If you wish to be successful, never underestimate the importance of discipline and hard work, as these virtues will keep you ahead of others.

1. What happens without discipline?

(A). Chaos

(B). Unruliness

(C).Both 'A' and 'B'

(D).None of These

2. Name the different forms of indiscipline?

(A). Non-seriousness towards a goal

(B).Lack of routine

(C).Absence of punctuality

(D).All of these

3. What is discipline in student life?

Ans. _____

4. Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the passage:-

Those who observe strict _____ always succeed in life.

5. Synonym of conduct is _____ a) discipline b) behavior c) hard work

ANSWER KEY

1. C. Both A and B
2. D. All of these

3. Discipline in student life is the art of obeying certain set of rules that help us to live a life of order.
4. discipline
5. Conduct--behaviour

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

We know that not all people are honest and not all are dishonest. The world is a place where we cannot categorize people as honest or dishonest. Nobody can be said to be perfect in this regard. But generally, people don't care about honesty and truthfulness in today's selfish world. Dishonest people are not able to understand that dishonesty creates problems for them in the future. They don't realize that the problems they are facing today are a result of their dishonesty. The reason why people are dishonest is that they are cowards, telling the truth takes courage. It may be true that dishonesty can help to make you rich and give you a short lived success. If you are dishonest even once, all of your honesty also becomes questionable. A dishonest person can never relax. He feels guilty all the time. Nature also creates hurdles for them. Difficult times and painful situations appear out of nowhere. There are thousands of dishonest people who are facing corruption charges or criminal cases or bankruptcy. All the reputation is lost within one minute. All their fame evaporates. They are left with nothing. That is why it is said that honesty is the best policy.

1. People don't care about _____ in today's selfish world

- A. books B. health C. honesty and truthfulness D. elders

2. Dishonesty creates _____ for them in the future.

- A. problems B. Change C. rotation. D. solutions

3. Why are people dishonest?

4. Bhagat Singh was a man of _____.

5. Nature also creates hurdles for them.(_____ is the preposition in the sentence.)

ANSWER KEY

1. C) honesty and truthfulness
2. A) problems
3. Because they are cowards.
4. courage
5. for

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

The sun plays an important role in causing rain. It evaporates water from seas, lakes, rivers and soil. This evaporated water or water vapours form clouds which condense into water droplets or ice. As the air rises higher, more and more water vapours turn into water and the clouds grow bigger and darker. Finally, water droplets from the clouds fall to the ground as rain. Usually, rain results from nimbostratus or cumulonimbus clouds. Water falling from a cloud is called precipitation. Air temperature both inside and outside the cloud determines whether precipitation is rain, snow or hail. The low temperature inside and outside the clouds results in snowfall. In hilly areas like Srinagar, Himachal and other mountainous regions of Uttaranchal, it snows heavily resulting in overflow of water in rivers during summer and rainy months. Crops fail if there is no rain and people and animals may starve to death. There may be floods if there is too much rain. Thus, life on land depends on rainfall.

1. Life on earth depends upon

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| (A). rainfall | (B). snowfall |
| (C). hail storm | (D). thunder storm |

2. Water falling from a cloud is called

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| (A). perspiration | (B). precipitation |
| (C). respiration | (D). annihilation |

3. Evaporated water forms clouds that leads to storms.

4. Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the passage

If there is no rain people and animals may _____ to death.

5. Life depends ____rainfall.(Fill in the blank with a preposition)

ANSWER KEY

1. A) rainfall
2. B) precipitation
3. False
4. starve
5. on

5. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

What is the memory that you have from your childhood days? Few people remember what had happened before they were two or three years old, and most people remember only a little of what happened before they were five years old. No one really knows why this happens and why our memory declines as we grow old.

In our everyday lives, alarm clocks, calculators, calendars, diaries and telephone books are aids that help us to remember things –time, dates, events. However, as we get busier and our daily routine gets more complicated, we begin to use more and more of these devices to help us. One such kind of special memory aid is mnemonics. Mnemonics use words or mental pictures to help us to remember things. Have you heard the rhyme that begins-“**Thirty days hath September, / April, June and November; / All the rest have thirty-one, / Save February with twenty-eight days clear / And twenty-nine in each leap year.**”? This mnemonic helps you to remember the months that have thirty days and the months that have thirty-one. Similarly we have another one to remember the colours of a Rainbow i.e., **VIBGYOR: Violet, Indigo, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange &, Red.**

1. Choose the memory aid that we use every day.

(A).Heater (B).Blower (C).Calendar (D). Hair-Dryer

2. Mnemonics help us to remember

(A).Style (B).Events (C).Energy (D).Current

3. Why does our memory begin to decline?

4. Mnemonics is a _____ which uses words/mental pictures to remember things. What is a?

5. VIBGYOR helps to recall the colours of a _____.

ANSWER KEY

1. **C.** Calendar
2. **B.** Events
3. It declines as we grow old.
4. Memory aid
5. Rainbow

6. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Deriving its name from five full-bodied rivers—Sutlej, Beas, Ravi, Jhelum, and Chenab—which flow through its vast plains, Punjab is representative of abundant things. Located on the north-western edge of India, it is one of the smaller albeit prosperous states of the nation, and home to a lively, hospitable and dynamic people. Widely acknowledged as the cradle of civilization, it is a land of ethnic and religious diversity, having borne and shaped a number of religious movements that include Sikhism, Buddhism and Sufism. The Punjabi language, too, finds its origin in the Indo-European linguistic family that includes Persian and Latin. Naturally replete with fertile soils and rich water sources, it is primarily an agricultural state, and has continually and infinitely contributed towards the food security of the Indian Republic. Punjab's many festivals—Teej, Lohri, Basant, and Baisakhi, to name some—are celebrations that mirror the farming ethos. Indeed, Bhangra, the traditional dance of Punjab revolves around, and replicates a farmer's daily life. Historically, Punjab has played host to a number of ethnicities, including the Aryans, Persians, Greeks, Afghans and Mongols, thus bestowed with a rich tangible heritage. Reflecting this history are the countless sites that dot the state: impressive forts & palaces, ancient monuments, architectural marvels and many a battlefield.

1. Punjab is a land of _____.

- A.** ethnic and religious diversity **B.** religious movements
C. lively, hospitable and dynamic people **D.** All the above

2. _____ is not a reflection of Punjab's History.

A. architectural marvels

B. many a battlefield.

C. forts & palaces

D. ancient restaurants

3. The passage describe the people of Punjab AS _____

4. Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the passage.

Human beings use wood from _____ to grave.

5 Punjab is a land _____ diversity (Fill in the blank with preposition)

ANSWER KEY

1-D-all the above

2-D-ancient restaurants

3- lively, hospitable and dynamic

4 -cradle

5 of

7. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Eleven-year-old Mohammad Riyaz Ahmad laughs a lot, plays video games and attends tuition at home to resume his studies in Std. III in Prathmic Vidyalaya of Aminabad, Lucknow. But a year ago, the situation was different. Riyaz, who has been awarded the Sanjay Chopra Bravery Award was in hospital for more than three months. He lost one of his limbs, one arm and the wrist of the other arm while saving a four-year-old girl, Shazia who was standing on the railway track at Daaligaon Bridge, Lucknow, completely oblivious to a fast approaching train. It happened on January 16, 2003. Riyaz heard the train whistle, he warned the girl's father to remove her from the track, but he, being hard of hearing and mentally challenged, did not pay heed to Riyaz's warning. Seeing the train almost upon her, Riyaz rushed to pull her back. He did but fell holding the girl as his leg got stuck between the lines, and also because, being a frail 10-year-old, he could not bear her weight. The girl also lost one of her limbs as the train ran over them.

1. What is Riyaz's full name?

(A) Shakeel Ahmed Riyaz

(B). Sanjay Riyaz

(C) Mohammad Riyaz Ahmad

(D). None of These

2. Which of the following is not Riyaz's routine?

(A). Playing video games (B). Attending home tuitions

(C). Attending school

(D). Laughing a lot

3. In which school does Riyaz study?

Ans. _____

4. Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the passage:-

The teenagers often do not pay.....to the advice of their elders.

5 Synonym of frail is _____

A

oblivious

frail

B

weak

clear

unaware

ANSWER KEY

1. C. Mohammad Riyaz Ahmed
2. C. Attending school
3. Prathmic Vidyalaya of Aminabad, Lucknow
4. heed
5. frail= weak

8. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

We love cheery, optimistic people because they light up our lives with their positive enthusiasm and passion. Their attitude is contagious and we love being around them. We want to catch this attitude. Everybody lights up a room. Some when they enter and others when they leave. No question about it, people with great attitudes light up a room when they enter it. No doubt we all know the opposite type. Their attitude is catching too. They brighten up a room when they leave because they take their dark view of the world with them. They choose to look at the world through dark glasses and as a result they mostly see only bad people. On the other hand people with good attitudes choose to look at world through colourful glasses painted optimism. They see people laughing and enjoying the sunshine. Attitude is nothing but a mental filter through which we process our thoughts and see the world. An average person has more than 50,000 thoughts per day. If we filter them by a dark screen we will see the dark and gloomy side of the world. Just make a change in the glasses and the entire world will change. The world will become bright, adventurous place overflowing with miracles and opportunities.

1. Everyone wants to enjoy the company of.

(A) Optimistic people (B) Negative people

(C) Hard working people (D) fun loving people

2. Who lights up the room?

(A) person with positive attitude (B) person wearing bright clothes

(C) person carrying a lamp (D) person with negative attitude

3. How the people with bad attitude look at the world?

4. How many thoughts come in a day in an average person's mind?

5. People with _____ glasses enjoy the world.

6. Match the words in column "A" with their meanings under "B"

A

B

Optimistic

Chance

Opportunity

Hopeful

Overflowing

ANSWER KEY

1. A) Optimistic people

2. A) person with positive attitude

3. They see only bad people.

4. 50,000

5. colourful

6. Optimistic ---Hopeful , Opportunity ---- Chance

9. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

There is a massive change in society. All parents want to become friends with their children. Nowadays, modern parents want to see their children happy and in the process have become too liberal. They do not want their children to be offended. Therefore, they allow their children to have their way in every matter. Consequently, the children take all possible liberties with their parents. They sit before the television for hours, watch programmes at the cost of their studies and eye sight. Their minds wander away from more relevant things into the realm of film songs which contain little meaning and all rubbish. By and by, even toddlers hum tunes of songs the meaning of which they rarely know. The thin line of decency is disappearing very fast and parents do not realize what harm they have done to the coming generation. By the time they realize it, it is already too late.

1. What have modern parents become?

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| (A) Liberal | (B) Strict |
| (C) Carefree | (D) Friendly |

2. The children's minds wander into the realm of

- | | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| (A) TV serials | (B) Film song |
| (C) Day-dreaming | (D) Mischief mongering |

3. When do the parents realize their mistake?

4. Moral values are fast _____.

5. Give the noun of the word- Relevant

ANSWER KEY

1. A) liberal

2. B) Film song

3. They realise when it's too late.

4. disappearing

5. Relevant= relevance

10. Read the following paragraph carefully and answer the questions.

Human life is a beautiful tale of emotions. We can not experience life without experiencing emotions. The word emotion has been derived from a Latin word '*emovere*' which means 'to move out or remove'. It can be said that an emotion is a tool given to human beings by nature so that they may release their pent up feelings through emotions. This tool keeps us light and stress free. Mental health experts say that when we suppress our emotions, we invite various disorders in our personality or mood. Modern man hides emotions to boast of his strength. Consequently, Depression, General Anxiety Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, stress and isolation have hijacked our life. As per the studies by WHO, every fourth Indian is facing one or another kind of mental issue. This is quite serious. Moreover, visiting a psychiatrist or psychotherapist is still considered shameful in India. We avoid visiting a therapist for sadness. A therapist can listen to our problems and suggest solutions. We have been raised believing that we should be happy and successful all the time. Having sadness and facing failures is not considered normal. But sadness and failure are also essential part of human life like happiness and success. When we allow ourselves to express our normal emotions like joy, trust, fear, anger, sadness etc., we open a door to eternal happiness.

Q1. What is the meaning of Latin word '*emovere*'.

- a) To invite b) to draw c) to avoid d) to move out or remove

Q2. An emotion is a given to human beings by nature.

- a) Tool b) device c) gadget d) robot

Q3. Which out of the following are normal human emotions.

- a) Anger b) Joy c) Sadness d) All of these

Q4. Write the antonym of 'sadness'.

- a) Happiness b) Anger c) Care d) Empathy

Q5. We visit a psychotherapist while we feel hopeless and sad.

- a) Can b) may c) must d) dare

ANSWER KEY

1. d)to move out or remove
2. a)Tool
- 3 d)All of these
- 4 a)Happiness
- 5 c)must