



Cloze Test.

Air India's sale to Tata Group was announced on 8 October last year and a Letter of Intent (LoI) was (1) to the Tata Group confirming the government's willingness to sell (2) 100% stake in the airline. On 25 October, the Centre (3) the share purchase agreement (SPA) for this deal. The Indian government handed (4) Air India to the Tata Group on 27 January, nearly 69 years after it was taken from the conglomerate. (5) , Ratan Tata shared his views on Twitter stating 'Welcome Back, Air India'.

- 1. 1. issuing 2. issue
- 3. issues 4. issued
- 2. 1. our 2. his
- 3. its 4. one's
- 3. 1. signed 2. noticed
- 3. witnessed 4. attended
- 4. 1. on 2. up
- 3. out 4. over
- 5. 1. Merry 2. Lively

- 3. Joyous 4. Wonderful

Chimpanzee births in the wild are rarely spotted by researchers. The reason is that expectant mothers often take a 'maternity leave' from their family unit, hiding away by themselves until their child is born. On 2 December 2014, researchers Hitonaru Nishie and Michio Nakamura witnessed a birth in the Mahale Mountains in Tanzania. For unknown reasons, this mother had not taken her maternity leave; she delivered in front of about 20 other chimpanzee. As Nishie and Nakamura watched, the infant was "snatched immediately after delivery and consequently cannibalised by an adult male."

This sight that led them to argue that cannibalism is the reason a chimpanzee mother often leaves her group before labour begins. Infants are not the only chimpanzees at risk of being cannibalised. In a Planet Earth segment, David Attenborough notes that a family of chimpanzee in Africa staged a purposeful attack on



other chimpanzees who were nearby. When a few of the attackers kill a young chimpanzee from the opposing family, they share and eat the victim's body, taking their meal into the trees. By attacking the other group, the chimpanzees protect their local food supply—and by eating the slaughtered chimpanzee, no meat goes to waste.

Cannibalism in animals is, different from cannibalism in humans. A herbivorous animal like the hippopotamus scavenges the meat of other hippos if food is scarce, and parents of many species eat their young if they are extremely hungry or anxious. Dead or weak offspring are also easy targets for cannibalism. In a 2009 study of Mexican lance-headed rattlesnakes, it is found that 68 per cent of the mothers ate all, or part, of their stillborn children. Most of the time chimpanzees are vegetarian, eating berries, fruits, leaves, and seeds, plus the occasional egg or insect. But being primarily vegetarian doesn't mean chimpanzees never eat meat. They are known to hunt and kill monkeys.

David Attenborough's study was based on the ____ of Africa.

- A. hippopotamus
- B. chimpanzees
- C. monkeys
- D. rattlesnakes

Extreme anxiety or hunger in animals leads them to_____.

- A. eat their offspring
- B. abandon their offspring
- C. eat vegetables and fruits
- D. oppose their attackers

The tone of the author in the passage is:

- A. ironical
- B. sarcastic
- C. analytical
- D. satirical

The meaning of the word 'scarce' is:

- A. copious
- B. abundant
- C. insufficient
- D. herbivorous



Select the most appropriate title for the given passage.

- A. Cannibalism in chimpanzees
- B. Purposeful attack on monkeys
- C. Importance of maternity leave
- D. Features on Mexican rattlesnakes

1. 1. Some animals like fishes lay eggs and leave them.

P. The mother does not care for the eggs at all.

Q. They lay thousands of eggs at a time but do not look after them.

R. Most of the eggs die and only a few of them develop into fishes.

S. She simply leaves the eggs and never comes back to them.

6. Is this not something terrible? Yet, it is a fact.

- 1) QPSR 2) PSQR
- 3) RQPS 4) QSPR

2. 1. Why should I tell you again and again?

P. They know what they have to do.

Q. Don't you know your duties?

R. Only you require to be told.

S. Other students need not be told.

6. I will not tolerate this anymore.

- 1) QSPR 2) QRPS
- 3) SPRQ 4) QPSR

3. 1. One evening he lit a large lamp in the bedroom and sat near his wife.

P. 'Why not?', was the answer.

Q. 'Whatever you like.'

R. 'Shall I read you something?', he asked.

S. 'What shall I read?', he continued.

6. He was somewhat taken aback by her answer.

- 1) RPSQ 2) SRQP
- 3) RQPS 4) SQPR

4. 1. Marine biology is the study of organisms in the ocean.

P. At a fundamental level, marine life helps determine the very nature of our planet.

Q. Marine life is a vast resource.

R. Shorelines are also shaped and protected by marine life.



S. Marine organisms contribute significantly to the oxygen cycle.

6. Marine biology covers a great deal, from the microscopic to the huge whales.

- 1) PRSQ 2) QPSR
3) RPSQ 4) SPQR

5. 1. Suddenly the man heard the low hum of an engine.

P. Instead, it grew louder and louder and seemed to be coming from above.

Q. At first he thought that it must be a car travelling along the road he had recently left.

R. He looked up quickly and saw an aeroplane cutting a crazy, zigzag path across the sky.

S. He expected the noise to fade away in the distance.

6. It disappeared for an instant behind some clouds, then emerged and plunged into the field.

- 1) QSPR 2) SPRQ
3) RPSQ 4) QPRS

Spotting Errors

1. The number of containment zones were A)/ 715 in Delhi by the end of July, B)/ affecting nearly 3.5 lakh people. C)/ No error D)

2. My brother had spend the entire sum A)/ of money before I could purchase B)/ a laptop for my cousin. C)/ No error D)

3. If the weather remains this bad, A)/ we are not be able B)/ to play Badminton. C)/ No error D)

4. Karun has a X-ray machine A)/ which is very significant for B)/ him due to many reasons. C)/ No error D)

5. I and she have been invited A)/ to the opening ceremony B)/ of a music company. C)/ No error D)

6. She is to host a new half-hour A)/ show which will be broadcasted B)/ every weekday evening. C)/ No error D)

7. The comedian is prone to A)/ say offensive things during B)/ her stand-up routine. C)/ No error D)



8. There are many different types of A)/ binocular made for adults based B)/ on the activities that they enjoy. C) No error D)

9. They will paint not only A)/ the outside of the house B)/ but the inside of the house. C)/ No error D)

10. The Estonian language, (A)/ along with Finnish and Hungarian, are (B)/ one of the few surviving languages in the Finno-Ugric group. (C)/ No error (D)

11. This Company (A)/ has produced (B)/ 5 million cars since it has been established. (C)/ No error (D)

12. No sooner did the (A)/ comedian begin his act (B)/ when the audience roared with laughter. (C)/ No error (D)

13. The president(A)/ was overpowered by the General's position(B)/ and prostrated and apologized humbly.(C)/ No error (D)

14. We have got a couple of Supreme Court (A)/ Justices confirmed whom (B)/ I think are doing outstanding work. (C)/ No error (D)

15. Food packages (A) / were distributed (B) / between the beggars. (C) / No error (D)

16. For many people, cheap (A)/ fried chicken is a staple (B)/ food for lunch and the dinner. (C)/ No error (D)

17. Simple geometrical arrangements such as(A)/ an ellipsoid or a cylinder are used often(B)/ to gauge the shape of particles such as micelles and proteins. (C)/ No error (D)

18. Had the people of India taken the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (A)/ seriously, the condition of the (B)/ surroundings would better automatically. (C)/ No error (D)

CLOZE TEST

1. 4
2. 3
3. 1
4. 4
5. 3

PASSAGE

1. B
2. A
3. C



4. C

5. A

PQRS

1. 1

2. 1

3. 1

4. 2

5. 1

SPOTTING ERRORS

1. A

2. A

3. B

4. A

5. A

6. B

7. B

8. B

9. C

10. B

11. C

12. C

13. C

14. B

15. C

16. C

17. B

18. C