

OSSTET

Previous Year Paper

2021 English (optional)

B - SECTION - III
ARTS GROUP
ENGLISH (OPTIONAL)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions (Q. No. 56 to 58) choosing the correct alternatives given :

Patriotism is an old concept, as old perhaps as the earliest of human civilizations. But all through the history of mankind, it has been narrowly understood. Today people have begun to realise that patriotism is an essential part of human instinct. Patriotism has its negative sides particularly when it exceeds its proper bounds. People who think their own country to be the best and are blind to its weaknesses are not patriots at all. We are the members of a large human family and so cannot neglect our duties and responsibilities towards it. Our love for the country should be conditioned by respect for the whole community. Narrow prejudice can do nothing except to bring misfortune. In trying to overlook others' interest in the modern world, we harm our own.

56. What is the people's understanding of patriotism today ?

- (A) It may bring misfortune.
- (B) ✓ It is an essential part of human instinct.
- (C) It is not needed.
- (D) It may be an evil.

57. The opposite of 'respect' is _____.

- (A) inrespect
- (B) disrespect
- (C) disrespect
- (D) ✓ unrespect

58. Which type of people can be categorised as patriots ?

- (A) People who think others' country greater than their own
- (B) ✓ People who think their own country to be the best
- (C) People who keep a neutral attitude towards their country
- (D) People who love their country and also respect the entire human community

Read the poem carefully and answer the questions (Q. No. 59 to 61) choosing the correct alternatives given :

Great, wide, beautiful, wonderful World,
 With the wonderful water round you curled,
 And the wonderful grass upon your breast-
 World, you are beautifully drest.
 The wonderful air is over me,
 And the wonderful wind is shaking the tree,
 It walks on the water, and whirls the mills,

And talks to itself on the tops of the hills.
 You friendly Earth, how far do you go,
 With the wheat-fields that nod and the rivers
 that flow,
 With cities and gardens, and cliffs, and isles,
 And people upon you for thousands of miles ?

59. The poet describes the world 'beautifully drest' because _____.
- (A) It looks beautiful
 - ☒ (B) It has wonderful grass upon its breast
 - (C) It is covered with fine clothes
 - (D) It is covered with green leaves
60. The wind in the poem talks to _____.
- (A) passersby
 - (B) trees
 - (C) clouds
 - (D) itself
61. How is "Earth" addressed in the poem ?
- (A) friendly
 - (B) beautiful
 - (C) wonderful
 - (D) great

Answer the questions (Q. No. 62 to 70) as directed choosing the correct alternatives given :

62. _____ to New Delhi two years ago.
 (Fill in the blank choosing the correct alternative.)
- (A) I had gone
 - (B) I was going
 - (C) I have gone
 - (D) I went
63. The correct pronunciation of 'sure' is _____.
- (Fill in the blank with the correct alternative.)
- (A) /suə/
 - (B) /sɪə/
 - (C) /sɪər/
 - (D) /suər/
64. The main purpose of assessment is _____.
- (Complete the sentence choosing the correct alternative.)
- (A) to decide pass and fail
 - (B) to measure achievement
 - (C) to give practice in writing
 - (D) to improve the teaching-learning process

65. Which of the following is grammatically acceptable ?

- (A) What a beautiful garden is it!
- (B) How beautiful garden it is!
- (C) What a beautiful garden it is!
- (D) What beautiful garden it is!

66. I bought some _____ from the shop.

(Fill in the blank with the **correct** alternative).

- (A) stationary
- (B) stationery
- (C) stationeries
- (D) stationeiry

67. He asked _____.

(Fill in the blank choosing the **correct** alternative.)

- (A) me where I was going
- (B) to me where I was going
- (C) me where I am going
- (D) me where was I going

68. _____ advocated educating Indians through English.

(Fill in the blank with the **correct** alternative).

- (A) Macaulay's Minutes
- (B) Wood's Despatch
- (C) Sergeant Report
- (D) Kothari Commission

69. Grammar is taught deductively by explaining the definitions/rules in mother tongue in _____ method.

(Fill in the blank with the **correct** alternative.)

- (A) Translation
- (B) Audio-lingual
- (C) Oral-aural
- (D) Structural approach

70. Deficiency in a learner can be taken care of through _____.

(Complete the sentence choosing the **correct** alternative)

- (A) regular teaching
- (B) self-study
- (C) proper explanation
- (D) remedial teaching