

SECTION B**COMPREHENSION PASSAGE**

Read the passage below and use it to answer questions 2 - 8.

Learning something new can be a scary experience. One of the hardest things I've ever had to do was learn how to swim. I was always afraid of the water, but I decided that swimming was an important skill that I should learn. I also thought it would be good exercise and help me to become physically stronger. What I didn't realize was that learning to swim would also make me a more confident person.

New situations always make me a bit nervous, and my first swimming lesson was no exception. After I changed into my bathing suit in the locker room, I stood timidly by the side of the pool waiting for the teacher and other students to show up. After a couple of minutes the teacher came over. She smiled and introduced herself, and two more students joined us. Although they were both older than me, they didn't seem to be embarrassed about not knowing how to swim. I began to feel more at ease.

We got into the pool, and the teacher had us put on brightly coloured water wings to help us stay afloat. One of the other students, May, had already taken the beginning class once before, so she took a kickboard and went splashing off by herself. The other student, Jerry, and I were told to hold on to the side of the pool and shown how to kick for the breaststroke. One by one, the teacher had us hold on to a kickboard while she pulled it through the water and we kicked. Pretty soon Jerry was off doing this by himself, travelling at a fast clip across the short end of the pool.

Things were not quite that easy for me, but the teacher was very patient. After a few more weeks, when I seemed to have caught on with my legs, she taught me the arm strokes. Now I had two things to concentrate on, my arms and my legs. I felt hopelessly uncoordinated. Sooner than I imagined, however, things began to feel "right" and I was able to swim! It was a **wonderful** free feeling like flying, maybe - to be able to shoot across the water.

Learning to swim was not easy for me, but in the end my persistence paid off. Not only did I learn how to swim and to conquer my fear of the water, but I also learned something about learning. Now when I am faced with a new situation I am not so nervous. I may feel uncomfortable to begin with, but I know that as I practice being in that situation and as my skills get better, I will feel more and more comfortable. It is a wonderful, free feeling when you achieve a goal you have set for yourself.

2. State two importance of swimming according to the first paragraph. (2mks)

i) _____

ii) _____

3. What did the teacher do immediately she showed up? (1mk)

4. To stay a float, the writer (1mk) _____

5. Of the three students, who had taken the beginning class before? (1mk)

6. How can you describe the teacher? (2mks)

7. Which of the following words can best replace the word “wonderful” as used in the passage? (1mk) _____

(marvelous, naughty, nasty, perfectly)

8. What lesson do you learn from the above passage? (2mks)

SECTION C: GRAMMAR

Read the broken passage below and use it to answer questions 9 - 15. For each blank space, choose the best alternative from the choices given.

“East or west, _____ 9 _____.” It is a famous old proverb, which is true to the hilt. My house is situated on the main road. It is not far _____ 10 _____ my school. It is double storied. It is fitted with electricity. _____ 11 _____ are four rooms in each _____ 12 _____. All the rooms of my house are airy, neat _____ 13 _____ clean. We have all the facilities of modern _____ 14 _____ in our house. I have _____ 15 _____ many beautiful flowers in one corner of my house.

- 9. (home is good, all is well, home is best, home is home) _____ (1mk)
- 10. (to, with, from, away) _____ (1mk)
- 11. (There, They, Their, Them) _____ (1mk)
- 12. (flower, floor, flour, flow) _____ (1mk)
- 13. (but, although, so, and) _____ (1mk)
- 14. (life, live, lives, leaf) _____ (1mk)
- 15. (growing, grown, grow, grew) _____ (1mk)

For questions 16 - 18, write the correct question tags.

- 16. They have completed the task, _____? (1mk)
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- 17. Let's go outside, _____? (1mk)
.....
- 18. None of the boys understood the question, _____? (1mk)
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For questions 19 - 21, choose the word that has the same pronunciation as the one given.

- 19. hear _____ (1mk)
.....
- 20. won _____ (1mk)
.....
- 21. sea _____ (1mk)

Change the following sentences into plural form.

22. The boy is drinking water. (2mks)

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23. A sheep was injured by an ox. (2mks)

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24. She was summoned by the chief. (2mks)

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Write 2 examples of

25. Adjectives _____ (2mks)

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26. Adverbs _____ (2mks)

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27. Pronouns _____ (2mks)

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Complete the following sentences using the correct conjunction

28. We didn't have much money, _____ we were happy. (1mk)

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29. The workers are _____ tired _____ hungry. (1mk)

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30. When it is raining, lightning can strike any time. _____, we should always take precautions. (1mk)

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Complete the following sentences using the correct word given in the bracket.

31. Excuse me, _____ I just say something? (1mk)
(could, should, must)

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32. Smoking _____ cause cancer. (1mk)
(should, must, can)

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