

Fill in the blank spaces numbered 1 to 15 with the best alternative from the choices given.

The lion _____ 1 _____ itself and _____ 2 _____ loudly. Shaking _____ 3 _____ mane grandly, it walked out of its _____ 4 _____ to _____ 5 _____ breakfast.

In the _____ 6 _____ of the forest _____ 7 _____ a young woodcutter _____ 8 _____ some wood. He was a _____ 9 _____ fellow and as he worked _____ 10 _____ the sun, he whistled _____ 11 _____. When the woodcutter had collected _____ 12 _____ wood, he put down his _____ 13 _____ and started _____ 14 _____ the wood together. At this moment, the hungry lion _____ 15 _____ out at him, pinning the woodcutter down to the ground.

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| 1. A. stretched | B. hurled | C. curled | D. stretched |
| 2. A. yawned | B. barked | C. roar | D. yelled |
| 3. A. his | B. its | C. it's | D. her |
| 4. A. lair | B. liar | C. house | D. habitation |
| 5. A. prepare | B. cook | C. look for | D. look |
| 6. A. tall | B. inner | C. depths | D. outside |
| 7. A. this | B. were | C. is | D. was |
| 8. A. slicing | B. chopping | C. breaking | D. looking |
| 9. A. cheerful | B. sad | C. lovely | D. cheerless |
| 10. A. up | B. by | C. in | D. on |
| 11. A. merrisome | B. merrily | C. merry | D. merilly |
| 12. A. all | B. a few | C. no | D. enough |
| 13. A. knife | B. jembe | C. axe | D. fork |
| 14. A. tying | B. tied | C. trying | D. put |
| 15. A. sprung | B. springing | C. spring | D. sprang |

In questions 16 to 18, choose the correct question tag to fill the blanks.

16. Koko is always asking for money, _____ ?
 A. isn't she B. is she
 C. does she D. doesn't she
17. They did not come as agreed, _____ ?
 A. didn't they B. is it
 C. did they D. were they
18. I am a good pupil, _____ ?
 A. amn't I B. don't I
 C. aren't I D. am I

In questions 19 to 21, choose the word that does not fit in the group.

19. A. Father B. Mother
 C. Uncle D. Nephew

20. A. Vehicle B. Car
 C. Lorry D. Truck
21. A. Cow B. Lion
 C. Zebra D. Hyena

In questions 22 to 23, complete the proverbs correctly.

22. Don't judge a book by its _____
 A. page B. writer
 C. cover D. picture
23. A friend in need is a friend _____
 A. need B. did
 C. deed D. plead

In questions 24 to 26, select the best preposition to fill in the blanks.

24. I shall visit my cousins _____ October.
A. to
B. at
C. on
D. in
25. They were accused _____ robbery with violence.
A. of
B. with
C. by
D. on
26. My mother was really disappointed _____ me when I failed.
A. in
B. with
C. by
D. at

For questions 27 and 28, complete the collective nouns.

27. An army of _____
A. prisoners
B. chiefs
C. soldiers
D. locust
28. A _____ of teachers.
A. staff
B. stuff
C. class
D. group

In questions 29 and 30, choose the correctly spelt word.

29. A. Passenger
B. Alot
C. Infront
D. Recieve
30. A. Occurence
B. Occassion
C. Definate
D. Forty

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 40.

Tracy was a very beautiful tall girl. She had a dark skin and very white teeth. She wore her hair short and her nails always nicely cut. At fourteen, she was maturing into a healthy attractive young woman and many people admired her.

Her parents were well educated with good jobs. Her mother was a magazine editor and her father was a well respected architect and businessman. The family lived in the most beautiful side of the city and they were the envy of many. Tracy went to an expensive school and had a driver at hand to pick and drop her everyday. She had a large TV set and video cassette player in her room all to herself.

Their house was expensively furnished and had thick wall to wall carpets which the house servants took turns to clean every morning and evening. To friends and everyone who got to meet them, Tracy's family led a life of total luxury.

In spite of all these comforts, **theirs was a cold house**. Her brother always came home late, locked himself in his room and played loud music. Some neighbours had been heard saying that he was taking drugs.

Then there was Tracy's father, Mark. He was so busy travelling that very few people ever got to see him. He was always on safari. He travelled to Europe, the United States, Dubai, Singapore and other far away places. When in the country, he had business meetings every night in town. He had very little time for people, especially his family.

Tracy's mother had many expensive clothes which she bought in Paris, London and New York. The perfumes she liked were only found abroad. She disliked anything local and even her fruits and eggs were imported from South Africa or Israel. Tracy's aunt envied her and wished she had the good clothes and cars that her sister had. To most people, she had all that one would want in life: two beautiful children, a good job, a successful husband and wealth!

31. All the following describe Tracy except
A. beautiful and lanky
B. dark complexion
C. very white teeth
D. beautiful and plump
32. Which one of the following statements shows that Tracy was a teenager?

- A. She was an attractive young woman.
B. She was at her fourteen.
C. She was a beautiful girl.
D. Many people admired her.
33. Paragraph two suggests that Tracy's family
A. lived from hand to mouth
B. lived outside the city

- C. was very rich
D. was envied by everyone.
34. The carpets in Tracy's home
A. were well furnished
B. were cleaned once in a week
C. were cleaned twice in a day
D. were owned by the servants.
35. It is evident in the last sentence of paragraph three that
A. Tracy lacked nothing
B. Tracy's family helped many friends
C. there were several servants at Tracy's home
D. Tracy was extravagant.
36. The phrase '...theirs was a cold house...' means that
A. there was no fire in the home
B. there was no happiness in their home
C. their house was too big
D. there were drugs at home.
37. According to the passage, Tracy's father
A. was known far and wide
B. travelled to every country in the world
C. had no time for his family or other people
D. was too busy for his family.
38. Tracy's mother's clothes were bought in all the following places except
A. Paris
B. New York
C. South Africa
D. London
39. Tracy had _____ sibling.
A. one
B. two
C. three
D. four
40. Which one of the following would be the best title for the passage?
A. Tracy's parents.
B. Tracy and her aunt's family.
C. Tracy's brother and aunt.
D. Tracy and her well-off family.

Read the passage below and answer questions 41 to 50.

Many years ago, Lion and Leopard were great friends. So great, that they were inseparable be it by other animals on anything else. They hunted and ate together. The lion was slower than the leopard, so the leopard would catch the kill. The lion, whose claws were sharper, would then skin the animal. When he was through, they would eat together no matter how little the food was.

However, a great drought invaded the land and most of the animals migrated to other forests. It stayed for many days. Then, one day as Leopard was walking along the forest, he saw a young gazelle. He jumped at once and started running after it. **The gazelle was too startled to move**, and the leopard pounced and broke its neck.

Leopard waited for Lion to skin the animal. The lion then started skinning the animal but, in the process of doing so, he bit off large chunks of meat. He ate until there was nothing left for the leopard. He then started licking his claws and paws.

When Leopard asked him why he had finished the meat alone, Lion apologized and said that the meat was too tender and it had stuck in his long claws and so he had to pull it out.

Lion started making false promises, that when they got more meat he would leave it all to Leopard, who would eat to his fill. Leopard was so angry that he stopped listening to Lion and he turned and continued heading back to their home.

Along the way, Lion stopped to drink some water from a small puddle, while Leopard walked on. Luck was on Leopard's side, as a fat hare crossed his path. He quickly pounced on it and broke its neck. He was very happy and he thought within himself that he would not share.

He would trust his claws and see the outcome. Maybe they were just as good as lion's or even better. He then started skinning the hare and, sure enough, **the claws were up to the task**.

Leopard had not started eating when he saw Lion moving closer. Leopard remembered what

had happened and moved further away. Lion started pleading with him that he let him join in his meal, as the hare was fatter than the young gazelle. When Leopard saw him moving closer he ran away. Lion started roaring in anger but to no avail, Leopard was faster.

Leopard then jumped up a nearby tree and looked down at lion. Lion looked at the hare in Leopard's mouth and attempted to climb up the tree.

But the lion was heavier and couldn't climb it. Leopard looked for a suitable spot and he placed his kill there and started eating away. He dropped the intestines and other parts that were inedible. Lion waited under the tree for leopard to come down but leopard ate to his fill and slept there peacefully. Up to this day, the leopard still stays in treetops while the lion waits for him on the ground.

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41. According to paragraph one, it is true to say that
- A. Lion and Leopard were twins
 - B. Lion and Leopard were best of friends
 - C. the Leopard hunted alone
 - D. the Leopard would remove the lion's skin.
42. A drought is a long spell of lack of
- A. food
 - B. rain
 - C. food and water
 - D. hunger.
43. 'The gazelle was too startled to move' meaning that
- A. the gazelle was not only startled but also moved
 - B. the gazelle was too startled and moved
 - C. the gazelle was so startled that it did not move
 - D. the lion was so startled that it moved.
44. Why did Lion eat all the meat from the gazelle?
- A. The Leopard was away.
 - B. His claws were very sharp.
 - C. The meat was too tender.
 - D. Lion was greedy and dishonest.
45. When Leopard caught the rabbit
- A. he waited for Lion to skin it
 - B. Lion was not around
 - C. he broke its neck and pounced on it
 - D. he wanted to share it with lion
46. The phrase '**...the claws were up to the task...**' means that
- A. he was able to skin the rabbit
 - B. he struggled a bit to skin the rabbit
 - C. he was actually better than the lion
 - D. he was not as good as lion.
47. Lion appeared
- A. as soon as Leopard started eating
 - B. after Leopard started eating
 - C. before Leopard started eating
 - D. just as Leopard ate.
48. Lion could not catch the Leopard because
- A. he was angry
 - B. he was lighter
 - C. he was faster
 - D. he was slower.
49. The parts that Leopard dropped from the tree
- A. were tasteless
 - B. could not be eaten
 - C. were raw
 - D. were not tender.
50. Which one of the following would be the best title for the passage?
- A. How greedy Lion changed the way Leopards hunt.
 - B. The inseparable hunting friends.
 - C. The animal jungle.
 - D. How Leopards hunt.