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## **VERBAL ABILITY**

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**Passage:** At this stage of civilisation, when many nations are brought in to close and vital contact for good and evil, it is essential, as never before, that their gross ignorance of one another should be diminished, that they should begin to understand a little of one another's historical experience and resulting mentality. It is the fault of the English to expect the people of other countries to react as they do, to political and international situations. Our genuine goodwill and good intentions are often brought to nothing, because we expect other people to be like us. This would be corrected if we knew the history, not necessarily in detail but in broad outlines, of the social and political conditions which have given to each nation its present character.

Q. Based on the Passage, answer the following questions:

1. According to the author of 'Mentality' of a nation is mainly product of its  
 (a) history (b) international position  
 (c) politics (d) present character
2. The need for a greater understanding between nations  
 (a) was always there (b) is no longer there  
 (c) is more today than ever before (d) will always be there
3. The character of a nation is the result of its  
 (a) mentality (b) cultural heritage  
 (c) gross ignorance (d) socio-political conditions
4. According to the author his countrymen should  
 (a) read the story of other nations  
 (b) have a better understanding of other nations  
 (c) not react to other actions  
 (d) have vital contacts with other nations
5. Englishmen like others to react to political situations like  
 (a) us (b) themselves (c) Others (d) each others

**Direction:** In each of the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. You are required to replace the Idioms or phrases with their meanings given in the options.

6. The minister assured the agitating employees that he would look into their demands sympathetically.  
 (a) grant (b) examine (c) discuss (d) watch
7. She keeps blowing hot and cold and therefore, nobody can befriend her for long.  
 (a) being unfriendly and critical  
 (b) being good and bad alternately  
 (c) being friendly at one moment and unfriendly the next  
 (d) trying to cool the situation down and then raking it up again
8. The police looked all over for him but drew a blank.  
 (a) arrested him (b) took him to court  
 (c) did not find him (d) put him in prison
9. Give the SYNONYM of: vociferous  
 (a) Dedicated (b) Violent (c) Silent (d) Loud
10. Give the ANTONYM of: vituperate  
 (a) Attack (b) Compliment (c) Scold (d) Elope
11. Give the SYNONYM of: FURORE  
 (a) Excitement (b) Worry (c) Flux (d) Anteroom
12. Give one word for a person who renounces the world and practices self-discipline in order to attain salvation  
 (a) Sceptic (b) Ascetic (c) Devotee (d) Antiquarian

13. A lady's umbrella is known as a \_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_  
 (a) Parasol (b) Granary (c) Epitaph (d) Aviary
14. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.  
 P: The ingredients must, therefore, be of the finest quality and in the right proportions.  
 Q: When you have them right and keep practising you are sure to bake some of the yummiest cakes.  
 R: Success in life is just like baking a cake that requires many things.  
 S: Firstly, unless you have the right ingredients and recipe it is not going to work.  
 (a) RPQS (b) RSPQ (c) QRSP (d) QPSR
15. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.  
 P: Having cancer is often one of the most stressful experiences in a person's life.  
 Q: They also allow people to learn from others facing similar situations.  
 R: The groups are gaining popularity these days as they allow volunteers to talk with those who are living with cancer.  
 S: But these days there are support groups that help patients cope with the emotional aspects of cancer by providing an opportunity to share feelings and challenges they face with others.  
 (a) RQSP (b) SRQP (c) PRQS (d) PSRQ
- Direction:** Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate words to complete the passage:  
 In today's fast-paced world, time management is (16) \_\_\_\_ for success. Whether you are a student or a professional, (17) \_\_\_\_ the most out of your day can be a challenge. The first step is to (18) \_\_\_\_ a daily schedule. Start by listing your (19) \_\_\_\_ tasks and prioritize them. Allocate specific time slots for each task and stick to your schedule. Avoid (20) \_\_\_\_ distractions and stay (21) \_\_\_\_ on your goals. Remember that (22) \_\_\_\_ planning and discipline can help you make the most of your time.
16. (a) crucial (b) irrelevant (c) ineffective (d) optional
17. (a) maximizing (b) minimizing (c) optimizing (d) ignoring
18. (a) ignore (b) create (c) eliminate (d) cherish
19. (a) favourite (b) essential (c) random (d) unnecessary
20. (a) inviting (b) eliminating (c) embracing (d) ignoring
21. (a) focused (b) distracted (c) relaxed (d) anxious
22. (a) haphazard (b) strategic (c) random (d) spontaneous

### ANSWER KEY

|       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. a  | 2. d  | 3. d  | 4. b  | 5. b  | 6. c  | 7. c  | 8. c  | 9. d  | 10. b |
| 11. a | 12. b | 13. a | 14. b | 15. d | 16. a | 17. c | 18. b | 19. b | 20. a |
| 21. a | 22. b |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

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