

UNIT.2:GENERAL READING AND FREE WRITING

1.PREPOSITIONS

1. The horse refused **to** jump **over** the small pit.
2. The shopkeeper told the impatient customer that he must wait **in** the queue until the people who were **before** him had been served.
3. I was sitting **between** my two sisters while playing cards.
4. You cannot possibly see a man who is hiding **behind** a tree.
5. I bought a dozen apples but there wasn't a single good one **among** them.
6. The chief guest arrived at the party shortly **before** seven o' clock.
7. A big apple was hanging on the branch **above** me.
8. The Karur to Trichy high ways runs **along** the Cauvery.
9. Because Raju was **under** the influence of bad people, his parents were greatly concerned.
10. The collector is very worried this year **after** last year's floods.

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:

a). The ore is transported -----mills.

C : before B : to A : of

The machine is very heavy inspite -----its small size.

C : of B : off A : to

c)The child fell----- the ditch.

C : into B : among A : besides

d) How did you come---- this book?

C : of B : across A : besides

2.Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the correct forms of the adjectives .

a) Gold is ----- than silver.

C : expensive B : most expensive A : **more expensive**

b) Liberty is ----- than food.

C : important B : most important A : **more important**

c) This is the ----- book I have read.

C : bestie B : better A : **best**

d. Steel is ___ than Plastic.

C : strongest B : **stronger** A : strong

3. WRITE THE CORRECT ADVERB.

a) He reached ___ early today.

C : **so** ✓ B : late A : often

b. India will _____ become a developed country.

C : late B : **surely** ✓ A : so

c. Meena sang -----

C : so B : **sweetly** ✓ A : sweet

4.FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH SUITABLE DISCOURSE MARKERS:

a) Prathap was not thirsty:-----, he drank five glasses of water.

C : never B : **however** ✓ A : nevertheless

b.You must buy the tickets:-----,we won't be able to see that play.

C : so B : **otherwise** A : otherhand

c) The weather was terrible.-----,we decided to delay our trip.

C : after B : **so** ✓ A : and

d.-----she cherishes her childhood memories.

C : yet

B : **Even today** ✓

A : Meanwhile

5. SINGLE WORD SUBSTITUTE:

In questions given below out of four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given word/sentence.

1. That which cannot be corrected

a) Unintelligible

b) **Incorrigible**

c) Illegible

2. The study of ancient societies

a) Anthropology

b) **Archaeology**

c) History

3. List of the business or subjects to be considered at a meeting?

a) Schedule

b) Timetable

c) **Agenda**

4. A person who knows many foreign languages

a) Linguist

b) Grammarian

c) **Polyglot**

5. A place where bees are kept in called

a) **An apiary**

b) A hive

c) A sanctuary

6. FILL UP THE BLANKS WITH SUITABLE one WORDS substitute: (4 X ½ = 2)

[Agenda, Ornithology, camera, repository]

a) A study of birds -----

b) An optical device for taking photographs-----

c) Item of business to be considered at a meeting-----

d) A place or building where things are kept safe or for exhibition.—

7. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end of it:

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: (16 Marks)

The Coliseum is an ancient stadium in the center of Rome. It is the largest of its kind. It is very old. They started building it in the year 70. It took ten years to build. It is still around today. The coliseum has been used in many ways. In ancient Rome, men fought each other in it. They fought against lions,

tigers and bears. Oh my! It was dreadful. But most of the people appreciated it. As many as 80,000 Romans would pack inside to watch the events with thrill. These gruesome events went on until 523. The coliseum has been damaged many times over the years. It was struck by lightning in the year 217. This started a fire. Much of the Coliseum is made of stone. But the fire damaged the upper levels. They were made of wood. This damage took many years for repair. It was not finished until the year 240. The worst damage happened in 1349. A mighty earthquake shook Rome and the Coliseum. The south side of the building collapsed. Pieces of the arena were all over the ground. Many people took the fallen stones. Others took stones from the seating areas. They used them to repair houses and churches. The Romans of those days were not connected to the Coliseum. It had last been used as castle. Before that it was graveyard. It has been hundreds of years since the games. These damage to the Coliseum was never repaired. Its good thing the outer wall of its still stands strong. Today the Coliseum is one of Rome's most popular attractions. People from all over the world come to Italy to see it. It has even appeared on the back of a coin. I guess that makes it a symbol that many people want too.

A) Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1) Which event happened first?

- a) An earthquake damaged the Coliseum.
- b) The Coliseum was struck by lightning.**
- c) The Coliseum appeared on the back of a coin.
- d) The Coliseum was used as a castle.

2) What does a 'Coliseum' mean?

- a) a symposium
- b) a historical monument
- c) a stadium or a large theatre**
- d) a dilapidated structure

3) Which option caused the most damage to the Coliseum?

- a) fires
- b) earthquakes
- c) wars
- d) hurricanes

4) What did the people do with the stones that they took from the Coliseum?

- a) They repaired buildings**
- b) They sold them
- c) They used them as weapons
- d) They used them as tombstones

5) Which option best defines the word gruesome as it is used in the second paragraph?

- a) exciting
- b) funny
- c) horrifying**
- d) boring

6) What caused the fire that damaged the upper levels of the Coliseum?

- a) A bolt of lightning**
- b) Rowdy people who came to watch the events
- c) An attacking army
- d) An angry mob

7) For which purpose was the Coliseum not used?

- a) People fought other people in it
- b) It was a private castle
- c) People fought animals in it
- d) **It was a meeting place for the government**

8) Which option best describes the main ideas in the last paragraph?

- a) This is about all the things the Coliseum has been used for throughout history.
- b) This is about how the Coliseum is a popular place to visit today.
- c) **This is about how the Coliseum is a symbol that many people know**
- d) This is about how the Coliseum is used today.

9) Which option is not a way in which the Coliseum was damaged over the years?

- a) Earthquake
- b) Tornado
- b) Lightning
- d) Fire

10) Which statement would the author most likely agree with?

- a) The Coliseum should be replaced with a building that is not damaged.
- b) The Coliseum has its place in history but it is not damaged.
- c) The Coliseum should be used for fighting once again.
- d) **The Coliseum is very old and has been used for many purposes.**

B) Choose the option that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word in the following sentence:

a) The Coliseum is an ancient stadium in the centre of Rome.

- i) primeval
- ii) early
- iii) old
- iv) **contemporary**

b) It was dreadful.

- i) awful
- ii) **lovely**
- iii) appalling
- iv) frightful

c) But most of the people appreciated it.

- i) **loved**
- ii) delighted
- iii) commended
- iv) criticized

d) Today the Coliseum is one of Rome's popular attractions.

- i) **Repulsion**
- ii) appeal
- iii) fascination
- iv) charm

e) A mighty earthquake shook Rome and the Coliseum.

- i) Potent
- ii) great
- ii) Large
- iv) **weak**

f) The south side of the building collapsed.

- i) Broke down
- ii) **rose up**

iii) Caved in

iv) flopped

