

## English Miscellaneous Quiz

**Directions (1-9):** Read the passage given and answer the questions that follow, by selecting the most appropriate option.

If you have been missing the once-familiar chirping of sparrows around your house, here's your chance to contribute to finding out why this common bird seems to have disappeared from cities across India. A two months long online survey called citizen sparrow was launched inviting responses from people on questions such as when they last sighted the bird and details about the area they live in. "It is an elementary step to gather information. We are encouraging people to report their experience, be it a drastic drop in sparrow count or a sudden spurt. These inputs will give us valuable leads to compile pan-India data," said Suhel Quader, evolutionary ecologist at the National Centre for Biological Sciences.

The disappearance of the house sparrow, so widespread till recently that the Chinese Communist Party declared it a pest in 1958 and asked people to exterminate it, remains a great modern mystery world wide. In the UK, sparrows are estimated to have declined from over 12 million to 6 million, since the mid 80s. "The survey would give us the first baseline data about distribution of sparrows in the country. This would form the basis for further research," said Karthik K, project coordinator. The objective of involving ordinary citizens rather than experts comes with a purpose. "Almost everyone know about sparrows. It is an attempt to reach out to people, asking them to share their stories and their understanding of these birds," said Quader.

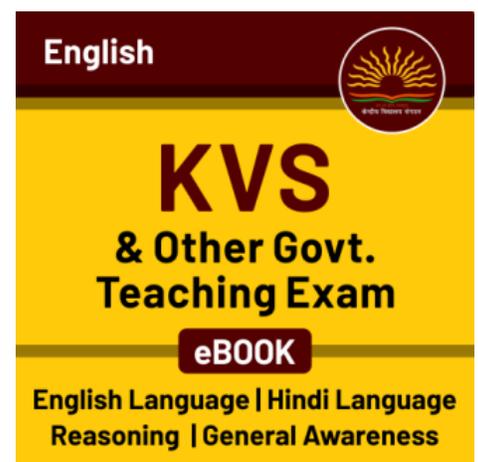
Participants in the survey would be asked to mark locations on a map and give information about their sparrow sightings, including sightings from last year and even earlier. Such information will enable a comparison of population of sparrows in different places and this is expected to point to particular threats or problems. The findings are intended to feed detailed studies investigating causes of decline and potential measures for the recovery of sparrow populations. The sparrow is an indicator of a trend. A number of other birds have also declined sharply in the past few decades. The survey would provide more clues about why these birds are disappearing.

**Q1. The estimated decline in sparrows in the UK is**

- (a) a quarter of the number in the mid 80s
- (b) half of the number in the mid 80s
- (c) one-eighth of the number in the mid 80s
- (d) three-fourth of the number in the mid 80s

**Q2. By marking locations on maps, participants will be able to**

- (a) inform sighting of sparrows in different places
- (b) give an account of sparrows from previous years
- (c) tell about sparrows from current years
- (d) mark locations of sparrows and give information about them



**Q3. The reasons for involving the ordinary citizen are that**

- (a) they are more committed
- (b) they are better than experts
- (c) they know about sparrows
- (d) they have stories about sparrows

**Q4. The trend is that**

- (a) only sparrows are declining
- (b) number of other birds is also declining
- (c) people have lost interest in birds
- (d) sparrows are increasing

**Q5. The passage is about**

- (a) saving sparrows
- (b) evolution of sparrows
- (c) elimination of sparrows
- (d) dwindling rate of sparrows

**Q6. In the sentence 'findings are intended to feed detailed studies' means**

- (a) to give food to sparrows
- (b) to give substance for growth
- (c) to supply in depth information
- (d) food habits of finds

**Q7. The function of an 'ecologist' is to**

- (a) study environment
- (b) study evolution of birds
- (c) study species and their evolution
- (d) study habitation of various species

**Q8. The outcome of the information collected would be to**

- (a) investigate causes of decline
- (b) help take measures for recovery
- (c) study of the behavioural patterns of birds
- (d) investigate and take measures for recovery

**Q9. Pan-India data would imply data**

- (a) from selected parts of India
- (b) from all over India
- (c) from South India
- (d) not from India



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**Q10. A lengthy narrative poem in grand language celebrating the adventures and accomplishments of a legendary or conventional hero is called as**

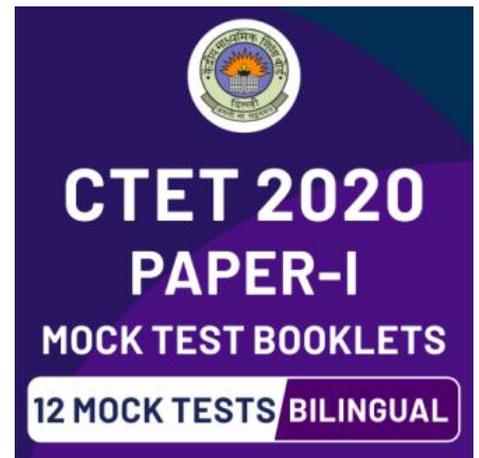
- (a) narrative
- (b) epic
- (c) couplet
- (d) free verse

**Directions (11-16): Read the poem given and answer the questions that follow, by selecting the most appropriate option.**

Sung in mother's bosom  
The newly born  
Rests in warm embrace,  
Listening to mother's heart beat  
    Love takes another form  
    In the friendship of mates,  
    Eating, playing and fighting,  
    Childhood moves on to youth,  
The irresistible attraction  
Of the opposite sexes,  
Brings a fiery love  
Through tempestuous adulthood.  
    This melts into paternal love  
    Losing sleep when a child is sick  
    Untold pleasure in his achievements,  
    And anxiety in his misfortunes.  
Old age brings another love,  
And lust for life  
Seeking pleasures when pleasure recedes,  
And love gets colder by the day.  
    Inexorably moving towards the end  
    The ultimate love lies ahead.  
    But through changing seasons,  
    It has been all the way.

**Q11. What is the significant aspect of this stage?**

- (a) Friendship of mates
- (b) Eating
- (c) Playing and fighting
- (d) All of these



**Q12. Who is snug in mother's bosom?**

- (a) The new born baby
- (b) A child
- (c) A boy
- (d) A girl

**Q13. What is the person attracted to most in adulthood?**

- (a) Studies
- (b) Opposite sex
- (c) Games
- (d) Roaming here and there

**Q14. We receive untold pleasures**

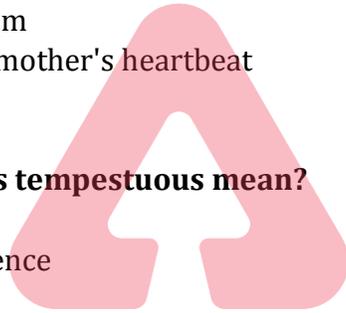
- (a) when we grow up
- (b) when we become a parent
- (c) a child sleeps
- (d) in misfortunes

**Q15. Which line indicates the closeness of the baby to mother?**

- (a) Warm embrace
- (b) Snug in bosom
- (c) Listening to mother's heartbeat
- (d) Fiery love

**Q16. What does tempestuous mean?**

- (a) Stormy
- (b) Testing patience
- (c) Violent
- (d) High in temper



**Direction (17-18): In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.**

**Q17. I finished my household chores (1)/ before he reached (2)/ to my place after so long. (3)/ No Error (4)**

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Q18. I am vexed at him (1)/ for what all he has (2)/ done for him till date. (3)/ No Error (4)**

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4



**Direction (19-20): Select the antonym**

**Q19. Genteel**

- (a) uncivilized
- (b) stuffy
- (c) urbane
- (d) prim

**Q20. Abominable**

- (a) attractive
- (b) gross
- (c) grim
- (d) lousy

**Q21. "Cell the first witness" said the judge. Convert to reported speech.**

- (a) The judge commanded them to call the first witness.
- (b) The judge asked them to call witness first.
- (c) The judge told them to call first the witness.
- (d) The judge asked them to invite the first witness.

**Q22. Give one word substitution for the following.**

A hater of women

- (a) Misanthrope
- (b) Misogynist
- (c) Mercenary
- (d) Philanthropist



**Q23. Tick the correct option to complete the sentence.**

The Prime Minister held .....

- (a) a press conference at airport.
- (b) a press conference at the airport
- (c) press conference at the airport.
- (d) press conference at airport.

**Directions (24-30) Read the given passage and answer the question that follow by selecting the most appropriate option.**

Scientists are extremely concerned about the changes taking place in our climate. The changes are said to be alarmingly rapid and the result of human activity whereas in the past it had been natural and much slower. The major problem is that the planet appears to be warming up (global warming). This is occurring at a rate unprecedented in the last 10,000 years. The implications are very serious. Rising temperatures could give rise to extremely high increase in the incidence of floods and droughts having effect on agriculture.

It is thought that this unusual warming of the earth has been caused by greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, being emitted into the atmosphere by car engines and modern industrial processes. Such gases not only add to the pollution of the atmosphere, but trap the heat of the sun leading to the warming up of the planet. It has been suggested that industrialized countries would try to reduce the volume of greenhouse gas emissions and plant more trees to create 'sinks' to absorb greenhouse gases.

**Q24. The changes taking place in our climate have become**

- (a) a matter of celebration for the scientists
- (b) a matter of worry for the scientists
- (c) something that does not have any serious implication
- (d) something to be whiled away by the scientists

**Q25. The 'antonym' of the underlined word 'increase' is**

- (a) increment
- (b) reduction
- (c) smaller
- (d) rapid

**Q26. The climatic changes taking place today are different from earlier changes as**

- (a) today they are slower and more natural
- (b) today they are much faster and caused by the humans
- (c) today they do not threaten the humans because of their speed
- (d) today men are affected by them easily

**Q27. Increase in global temperatures may result in**

- (a) rains
- (b) destruction of crops
- (c) death of animals
- (d) a long period without rains

**Q28. The underlined word 'slower' in the passage is**

- (a) Noun
- (b) Verb
- (c) Adjective
- (d) Adverb

**Q29. Greenhouse gases refer to**

- (a) emission of gases by the cars alone
- (b) emission of gases by the industries alone
- (c) trapping of heat of the sun by the earth increasing temperatures alone
- (d) carbon dioxide being produced from any source

**Q30. The underline word 'sinks' in the passage refers to**

- (a) absorption of greenhouse gases by industries
- (b) reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- (c) industrialised countries
- (d) the plantation for absorbing harmful gases

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S1. Ans.(b)

S2. Ans.(a)

S3. Ans.(c)

S4. Ans.(b)

S5. Ans.(d)

S6. Ans.(c)

S7. Ans.(a)

S8. Ans.(d)

S9. Ans.(b)

S10. Ans.(b)

S11. Ans.(d)

S12. Ans.(a)

S13. Ans.(b)

S14. Ans.(b)

S15. Ans.(c)

S16. Ans.(c)

S17. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** we should use perfect participle before “before” and past indefinite after “before”, when two actions are compared according to the time of their occurrence.

Thus “finished” should be replaced with “had finished”.

S18. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Vexed means annoyed.

Vexed at a thing.

Vexed with a person for doing something.

S19. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Genteel means characterized by exaggerated or affected politeness, refinement, or respectability and uncivilized means (of a place or people) not socially, culturally, or morally advanced.

S20. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Abominable means causing moral revulsion. Hence attractive is the correct choice.

S21. Ans.(a)

S22. Ans.(b)

S23. Ans.(b)

S24. Ans.(b)

S25. Ans.(b)

S26. Ans.(b)

S27. Ans.(d)

S28. Ans.(c)

S29. Ans.(d)

S30. Ans.(d)

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