

What has the author finally started doing?



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Model Questions

Directions (1-7): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Dear Amma and Appa,

After my seventh failed attempt at finding a place with network coverage, I have finally given up. When I first decided to move out of the city, the plan was not just to escape the madding crowd but also to undergo a complete lifestyle makeover. The only exception I decided to make was my smart phone. But the Universe is conspiring to ensure that I don't make no exceptions. So here I am, penning this letter to you. It feels odd, using a pen and paper after having gone for years on laptops and phones. The only times I used a pen these last few years have been to fill up forms, but now even they have been digitized.

Anyhow, I digress.

It was two months ago on this exact date that I told you about my plan to move out of the city. Remember how much you guys warned me about this move? You told me that I led too comfortable a life and that backpacking once in a while was ok but shifting base entirely into the wilderness would be the death of me. You made several lists of all the things I loved about the city and stuck them on every wall, mirror and cupboard at home. Appa, you took me out for dinners, movies, and long drives to the beach every other day, to literally drive the point home about what I'd be missing out on. Well, I proudly proclaim that I have survived a month in the village and emerged victorious; with just a few mandatory scratches (I call them battle scars).

Yes, life is no bed of roses. But every morning I walk on the grass, butterflies floating around me, stepping on occasional carpets of jasmines and frangipanis. And even if a thorn comes in the way, the feeling of the dew drops on my bare feet is well worth it.

It isn't all that easy though. I am doing things that I have never done before. Nothing fancy but still.

Amma, I can now wash a whole load of vessels in a record 20 minutes and carry pots full of water like a pro. Also, remind me to show off my vegetable cutting skills when I visit you guys. The speed will put Usain Bolt to shame.

I have been waking up at 5 a.m. ever since I moved here. Not that I have much of a choice. The roosters here don't have a snooze button on

them. No complaints though. I have finally gotten down to writing my book. Apart from the occasional days of writer's block, things are going pretty smooth.

Amma, you asked me last time on phone what my first impression was when I got here. Well, to be fair, it was my second impression because I've already visited this place once. But it WAS different. When I stood there, outside the gate, snuggling Shushi in my arms, I felt overwhelmed. The sight of the hills, the vastness of the sky and the silence of the forest made me feel so big and so small at the same time. I felt like a giant old tree and also like a baby leaf. There was joy mixed with a sudden aloneness.

But the moment we entered, three beautiful dogs came running up to us. Animals make life so liveable, no? How is Yellow, by the way? Give her my love and scratch her neck for me. Shushi has adjusted to life here. On her very second day, she ventured out of the window (briefly). By the sixth day, she was roaming around the whole campus. The kids here call her kaatu poonai. When I see her walking majestically in the wild grass, she does look like a jungle cat, a mini-black panther. There's another cat here - Vazhiya. There were a few cat-fights initially (no pun) but they have defined their territories now and all seems well in their cat kingdom. The dogs don't mess with the cats. In fact, they seem a little scared of Shushi and Vazhiya.

Initially, I thought that I should have taken a house in the village. Would have been more adventurous a move. But I'm glad I didn't. This community is a good place to transition into the other life. At least, it has one familiar face and a bunch of others with similar interests. Living all by myself in the village would have been too drastic a shift and perhaps not worth it. Even if I had to pay only 600 bucks for a single room apartment.

I am enjoying this whole letter-writing process. Oh, by the way, I promised to send you pictures right? Well, no smart phones means no WhatsApp. Instead, my hut mate came up with the perfect solution. He said he'd draw an accompanying image for every letter of mine. Don't worry, he's not reading this letter (there aren't any secrets here in any case). I just told him what to draw and in precisely 22 minutes and 29 seconds, he sketched this masterpiece. Amazing, no!

1. Which of the following statements about the passage are true?

- 1) The author of the passage has shifted recently to city.
- 2) The author has made sure to take her smart phone with her.



3) The author can wash a whole load of vessels in a record 20 minutes and carry pots full of water like a pro.

- 4) both 1 & 2
- 5) All of the above

2. What has the author finally started doing?

- 1) She has finally learnt to drive a car.
- 2) She has finally started writing her book.
- 3) She has learnt to walk with a pot-full of water on her head.
- 4) She has learnt skydiving
- 5) She had cat fights

3. Pick out a word from the passage that means the same as 'royally'.

- 1) Majestically
- 2) Accompanying
- 3) Survived
- 4) Horrendous
- 5) masterpiece

Directions (4 - 5): The following questions have a word highlighted from the passage with four words following it. Choose the best word that matches the meaning of the highlighted word as your answer.

4. Digress
- 1) stay
 - 2) direct
 - 3) mingle
 - 4) ramble
 - 5) none

5. Mandatory
- 1) optional
 - 2) voluntary
 - 3) indispensable
 - 4) secondary
 - 5) none

Directions (6-7): The following questions have a word highlighted from the passage with four words following it. Choose the best word that is opposite in meaning to the highlighted word as your answer.

6. Proclaim
- 1) obscure
 - 2) promulgate
 - 3) trumpet
 - 4) evince
 - 5) none
7. Ventured
- 1) scrutinized
 - 2) abstained
 - 3) speculate
 - 4) assay
 - 5) none

Directions (Q. No. 8 - 12): Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical mistake/ error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence, mark the number of that part with error as your answer. If there is "No error", mark (5) as your answer.

8. He made some clichéd remark (1)/ about the birth (2)/ of his

first child (3)/ complete changing his life. (4)/ No error (5)

9. Wine exports for the last 12 months (1)/ have continued (2)/ their meteoric rise (3)/ up 31 per cent to total \$ 25 billion. (4)/ No error (5)

10. The state board of education (1)/ shall promulgate rules (2)/ regarding model school (3)/ district healthy dietician guidelines. (4)/ No error (5)

11. If the tigers are looked for an exit, (1)/ the current political tug of war in Colombo (2)/ could give them a tailor-made excuse (3)/ to scuttle the fragile peace bid. (4)/ No error (5)

12. Many second-rank leaders in Uttar Pradesh (1)/ have never been comfortable with him, (2)/ seeing him as an interloper (3)/ among socialist. (4)/ No error (5)

Directions (Q. No. 13 - 17): Each question below has a blank/ two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the word/ set of words from the five options for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

13. Today in an ambitious conservation step, work is on here at a ____ pace to bring back the Lord of the Jungle.

- 1) frantic
- 2) sluggish
- 3) deliberate
- 4) intentional
- 5) lethargic

14. Perhaps one of the ____ reasons to travel was to develop trade and commerce to ____ resources in other lands.

- 1) former; develop
- 2) further; improve
- 3) farther; nurture
- 4) known; energize
- 5) earliest; tap

15. The realization that knowledge is the new competitive resource has hit organizations like ____.

- 1) lighting
- 2) blow
- 3) lightening
- 4) discharge
- 5) detonation

16. The speed with which private engineering colleges are ____ all over the country is mind ____.

- 1) expanding; losing
- 2) growing; blasting
- 3) compressing; blowing
- 4) zooming; delivering

- 5) mushrooming; boggling
17. Happiness is a ____ concept, but there is no doubt that seeing and ____ nature is good for us.

- 1) index; developing
- 2) indicator; nurturing
- 3) mute; believing
- 4) sole; watching
- 5) moot; experiencing

Directions (Q. No. 18 - 22): Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in a proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

- A) Thus begins the search for relief: painkillers, ice, yoga, herbs even surgery.

- B) These symptoms are not addressed in the initial stages.

- C) Most computer users develop disorders because they ignore warnings like tingling fingers, a numb hand or a sore shoulder.

- D) They keep pointing and dragging until tendons chafe and scar tissue forms, along with bad habits that are almost impossible to change.

- E) Procrastination thus is a big mistake which may cost them heavy sometimes.

- F) But cures are elusive, because Repetitive Stress Injuries present a bag of ills that often defy easy diagnosis.

18. What is the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?

- 1) A
- 2) B
- 3) C
- 4) D
- 5) E

19. What is the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?

- 1) A
- 2) B
- 3) C
- 4) D
- 5) E

20. What is the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?

- 1) A
- 2) B
- 3) D
- 4) E
- 5) F

21. What is the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

- 1) B
- 2) A
- 3) C
- 4) D
- 5) E

22. What is the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?

- 1) A
- 2) B
- 3) C
- 4) D
- 5) F

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- 1) 3
- 2) 2
- 3) 1
- 4) 4
- 5) 3
- 6) 1
- 7) 2
- 8) 1
- 9) 5
- 10) 4
- 11) 1
- 12) 4
- 13) 1
- 14) 5
- 15) 1
- 16) 5
- 17) 5
- 18) 2
- 19) 4
- 20) 1
- 21) 3
- 22) 5

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