

# STUDY PLANET

**58, SAMUDRA COMPLEX, CIRCULAR ROAD, RANCHI**

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## Close Test - 01

**Directions (1-40):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

### PASSAGE-1

Thousands of people in Idukki district are facing a serious threat to their (1) and properly as the Mullaperiyar dam on the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border is on the verge of spilling over and landslips continue to wreak havoc at (2) places on Tuesday. A major (3) occurred in front of the district collectorate at painavu on the Thodupuzha-Puliyannamala road on Tuesday. No one was injured in the landslide that threw traffic out of gear on the usually busy route. The rising water level in the Mullaperiyar dam (it was 137.5 feet on Tuesday) has (4) fears among the people in the downstream areas. The dam's capacity is 136 feet and water spilling over will flow into the Idukki dam, which is also on the verge of reaching the (5) water level. If both the dams are opened, thousands of people will be (6) by the swelling waters between Vallakkadavu and Ayyappancoil. Vandiperiyar, Karinkulam Chappathu and Upputhara towns lie on the banks of the Periyar which was in space at many areas on Monday and Tuesday morning. Though the district administration has (7) centres to be opened as temporary shelters, it will be a difficult task considering the large number of people to be (8). "It is giving us (9) night," said A.J. Thomas, a resident of Upputhara town. He said that he has to shift his family to a relative's house at Onpathekkar last year and is ready to send them there this time too. It is the same case with many other families living on the banks of Periyar. The heavy rain has also (10) in a sudden rise in the water level in the two dams. The water level in the Idukki dam was 2391.50 ft. against the full reservoir level of 2403 ft.

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| 1. (a) health    | (b) money      | (c) lives    | (d) family    | (e) courage   |
| 2. (a) much      | (b) several    | (c) their    | (d) effects   | (e) heavy     |
| 3. (a) land      | (b) ditch      | (c) river    | (d) landslide | (e) find      |
| 4. (a) created   | (b) objected   | (c) create   | (d) form      | (e) planted   |
| 5. (a) maximum   | (b) minimum    | (c) highly   | (d) very      | (e) maximized |
| 6. (a) effected  | (b) demanded   | (c) directed | (d) affected  | (e) bestowed  |
| 7. (a) recognize | (b) identified | (c) known    | (d) conferred | (e) collected |
| 8. (a) punished  | (b) addicted   | (c) removed  | (d) sheltered | (e) keeping   |
| 9. (a) sleepless | (b) restless   | (c) restful  | (d) contrary  | (e) different |
| 10. (a) devoted  | (b) resulted   | (c) consider | (d) corporeal | (e) helped    |

### PASSAGE-2

Greenhouse gases are only ... (11) ... of the story when it comes to global warming. Changes to one part of the climate system can ... (12) ... additional changes to the way the planet absorbs or reflects energy. These secondary changes are ... (13) ... climate feedbacks and they could more than double the amount of warming caused by carbon dioxide alone. The primary feedbacks are ... (14) ... to snow and ice, water vapour, clouds, and the carbon cycle.

Perhaps the most well ... (15) ... feedbacks comes from melting snow and ice in the Northern Hemisphere. Warming temperatures are already ... (16) ... a growing percentage of Arctic sea ice, exposing dark ocean water during the ... (17) ... sunlight of summer. Snow cover on land is also ... (18) ... in many areas. In the ... (19) ... of snow and ice, these areas go from having bright, sunlight-reflecting surfaces that cool the planet to having dark, sunlight-absorbing surfaces that ... (20) ... more energy into the earth system and cause more warming.

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| 11. (a) whole      | (b) part         | (c) material  | (d) issue      | (e) most       |
| 12. (a) raise      | (b) brings       | (c) refer     | (d) stop       | (e) cause      |
| 13. (a) sensed     | (b) called       | (c) nothing   | (d) nothing    | (e) term       |
| 14. (a) due        | (b) results      | (c) reason    | (d) but        | (e) because    |
| 15. (a) done       | (b) known        | (c) ruled     | (d) bestowed   | (e) said       |
| 16. (a) mastering  | (b) sending      | (c) melting   | (d) calming    | (e) increasing |
| 17. (a) make-shift | (b) ceasing      | (c) troubled  | (d) perpetual  | (e) absent     |
| 18. (a) dwindling  | (b) manufactured | (c) existing  | (d) generating | (e) supplied   |
| 19. (a) progress   | (b) reduced      | (c) existence | (d) midst      | (e) absence    |
| 20. (a) repel      | (b) waft         | (c) monitor   | (d) bring      | (e) access     |

## PASSAGE-3

Of course IAS officers, when they are young - that they complete, say, 7 to 9 years of service - are bold and tend to take on the ... (21) ... vested interests of local character, just as Manjunath did when he ... (22) ... a fuel pump in 2005 and paid the price with his life. But considering the fact there may be over 2,000 ... (23) ... officers charged with ... (24) ... duties in all the districts of India there must be many places where officers both from the IAS and other state civil services are ... (25) ... against mafia dons and goonda elements on a daily basis. It is not clear why the political bosses were so ... (26) ... in this case and how they could convince the top IAS layer to suspend the lady.

The Durga Shakti ... (27) ... is now highly politicised and seems to have gone beyond the boundaries of taking action under the law and ... (28) ... rules. She may well be posted as OSD in the Department of Archives once the government ... (29) ... her suspension. The sand mafia will be back in business. So much for an honest, "independent" bureaucracy on Independence Day. Or is it the ... (30) ... of the sand mafia, the politician, and convincing top officials?

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| 21. (a) entrenched   | (b) entwine  | (c) frightened     | (d) endeavour  | (e) emposed     |
| 22. (a) enunciate    | (b) canceled | (c) granted        | (d) stamped    | (e) sealed      |
| 23. (a) brave        | (b) customs  | (c) administrative | (d) army       | (e) police      |
| 24. (a) different    | (b) similar  | (c) simultaneously | (d) proper     | (e) customs     |
| 25. (a) killing      | (b) pitted   | (c) action         | (d) fight      | (e) looted      |
| 26. (a) fragrance    | (b) irritate | (c) incensed       | (d) inclusive  | (e) restricted  |
| 27. (a) incident     | (b) accident | (c) assassination  | (d) suspension | (e) degradation |
| 28. (a) order        | (b) served   | (c) legal          | (d) service    | (e) discussion  |
| 29. (a) suspend      | (b) ceased   | (c) disapproved    | (d) grants     | (e) rebel       |
| 30. (a) independence | (b) prison   | (c) freely         | (d) republic   | (e) rebel       |

## PASSAGE-4

Medicine and mysticism haven't always been good bed-fellows, but as today's medical ... (31) ... becomes more inclusive of complementary remedies, physicians are increasingly taking spirituality into account. That's because new researches have shown that any type of ... (32) ... Enhances a person's health, regardless of what inner creed the person believes in. One study conducted by the University of Missouri in the US used the result of three surveys to determine if health correlations existed ... (33) ... participants belonging to Buddhist, Muslim, Jew, Catholic and Protestant faiths. They found that across all of them, a greater degree of spirituality was related to better ... (34) ... Health, lower levels of neuroticism and greater extroversion. Prof Dan Cohen, one of the co-authors of the study, says, "With ... (35) ... spirituality, people reduce their sense of self and feel a greater feeling of oneness and connectedness with the rest of universe." He also believes that the benefits of a more spiritual ... (36) ... may go beyond individual's mental health as it enhances characteristics important for fostering a global society based on the ... (37) ... of peace and cooperation.

So, is this an emerging paradigm for the health sciences or a throwback to the Middle Ages? It could be neither if we consider the ... (38) ... of alternate healing systems such as Ayurveda, unani or acupuncture all of which have a ... (39) ... non-physical component. Instead, it may be that medicine has figured out that we ignore the more human sides of ... (40) ... at our peril.

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| 31. (a) fraternity   | (b) treatment    | (c) facilities  | (d) substantial  | (e) assumption     |
| 32. (a) spirituality | (b) subsidy      | (c) impact      | (d) remedy       | (e) exercising     |
| 33. (a) between      | (b) from         | (c) among       | (d) within       | (e) in             |
| 34. (a) physical     | (b) corporeal    | (c) condition   | (d) mental       | (e) correlation    |
| 35. (a) develop      | (b) improving    | (c) decreased   | (d) unutilized   | (e) increased      |
| 36. (a) personality  | (b) evocative    | (c) prediction  | (d) organisation | (e) health         |
| 37. (a) integrity    | (b) developments | (c) resources   | (d) virtues      | (e) embracement    |
| 38. (a) absence      | (b) presence     | (c) available   | (d) abundant     | (e) decisions      |
| 39. (a) important    | (b) sequential   | (c) significant | (d) terrible     | (e) classification |
| 40. (a) fanatics     | (b) healthcare   | (c) apocryphal  | (d) neuroticism  | (e) improvement    |