

11. Father always smiled and asked them to thank Allah, who is merciful. (Use as noun)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Father always smiled. (Use as noun)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

13. I asked my father about the relevance of prayer. (Use as adjective)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

14. There was nothing mysterious about prayer. (Use as noun)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

15. When you pray, you transcend your body. (Use as noun)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

16. Adversity always presents opportunities for introspection. (Use as verb)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

17. He answered in a low deep voice. (Use as noun)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

18. I have endeavoured to understand the fundamental truths. (Use as noun)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

19. There exists a divine power. (Use as noun)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

20. I remember my father starting his day at 4 a.m. (Use as noun)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

21. My parents were widely regarded as an ideal couple. (Use as adjective)

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

### AFFIRMATIVE TO NEGATIVE/VICE-VERSA

● Change the following sentences from affirmative to negative and vice-versa

1. I was a short boy.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

2. I do not recall the exact number of people she fed everyday.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** My mother's lineage was more distinguished than my father's.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**4.** This is not a correct approach at all.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**5.** Mine was a very secure childhood, materially and emotionally.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**6.** My austere father used to avoid all inessential comforts and luxuries.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**7.** For quite some time he said nothing.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**8.** I remember my father starting his day at 4 a.m.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**9.** Adversity always presents opportunities for introspection.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**10.** I was one of many children.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**11.** Mine was a very secure childhood.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**12.** This water was then carried home for invalids.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

### ASSERTIVE TO INTERROGATIVE/VICE-VERSA

● Change the following sentences from assertive to interrogative and vice-versa :

**1.** My parents were widely regarded as an ideal couple.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** My austere father used to avoid all inessential comforts and luxuries.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** Why don't you say this to people who come to you for help and advice ?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**4.** So why be afraid of difficulties, sufferings and problems ?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_



ARTICLES/PREPOSITIONS

● Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles / prepositions :

- 1. I was born \_\_\_\_\_ a middle-class Tamil family \_\_\_\_\_ island town Rameswaram \_\_\_\_\_ erstwhile Madras state.
- 2. He had \_\_\_\_\_ ideal helpmate \_\_\_\_\_ my mother, Ashiamma. I do not recall exact number \_\_\_\_\_ people she fed every day, but I am quite certain that far more outsiders ate \_\_\_\_\_ us than all the members \_\_\_\_\_ our own family put together.
- 3. My parents were widely regarded as \_\_\_\_\_ ideal couple. My mother's lineage was more distinguished, one \_\_\_\_\_ her forebears having been bestowed \_\_\_\_\_ title \_\_\_\_\_ 'Bahadur' \_\_\_\_\_ the British.
- 4. We lived \_\_\_\_\_ our ancestral house, which was built \_\_\_\_\_ the middle \_\_\_\_\_ the 19th century. It was a fairly large pucca house, made of limestone and brick, \_\_\_\_\_ the Mosque street \_\_\_\_\_ Rameswaram.
- 5. I normally ate \_\_\_\_\_ my mother, sitting \_\_\_\_\_ the floor \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen. She would place \_\_\_\_\_ banna leaf \_\_\_\_\_ me, \_\_\_\_\_ which she then ladled rice and aromatic sambar.
- 6. The Shiva temple, which made Rameswaram so famous \_\_\_\_\_ pilgrims, was \_\_\_\_\_ a ten-minute walk \_\_\_\_\_ our house. Our locality was predominantly Muslim, but there were quite \_\_\_\_\_ lot \_\_\_\_\_ Hindu families too, living amicably \_\_\_\_\_ their Muslim neighbours.
- 7. There was a very old mosque \_\_\_\_\_ our locality where my father would take me \_\_\_\_\_ evening prayers. I had not \_\_\_\_\_ faintest idea \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning \_\_\_\_\_ Arabic prayers chanted.
- 8. When my father came \_\_\_\_\_ the mosque \_\_\_\_\_ the prayers, people \_\_\_\_\_ different religions would be sitting \_\_\_\_\_ waiting \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- 9. Many \_\_\_\_\_ them offered bowls \_\_\_\_\_ water \_\_\_\_\_ my father, who would dip his fingertips \_\_\_\_\_ them and say \_\_\_\_\_ prayer. This water was then carried home \_\_\_\_\_ invalids.
- 10. The high priest \_\_\_\_\_ Rameswaram temple, Pakshi Lakshmana Sastry, was \_\_\_\_\_ very close friend \_\_\_\_\_ my father's. One of \_\_\_\_\_ most vivid memories \_\_\_\_\_ my early childhood is \_\_\_\_\_ the two men, each in traditional attire, discussing spiritual matters.

11. When I was old enough \_\_\_\_\_ ask questions, I asked my father \_\_\_\_\_ the relevance \_\_\_\_\_ prayer. My father told me there was nothing mysterious \_\_\_\_\_ prayer. Rather, prayer made possible a communion \_\_\_\_\_ the spirit \_\_\_\_\_ people.
12. So why be afraid \_\_\_\_\_ difficulties, sufferings and problems? When troubles come, try \_\_\_\_\_ understand \_\_\_\_\_ relevance \_\_\_\_\_ your sufferings. Adversity always presents opportunities \_\_\_\_\_ introspection.
13. Why don't you say this \_\_\_\_\_ people who came to you \_\_\_\_\_ help and advice? I asked my father. He put his hands \_\_\_\_\_ my shoulders and looked straight \_\_\_\_\_ my eyes. For quite some time he said nothing, as if he was judging my capacity \_\_\_\_\_ comprehend his words.
14. Then he answered \_\_\_\_\_ a low, deep voice. His answer filled me \_\_\_\_\_ strange energy and enthusiasm: "Whenever human beings find themselves alone, as a natural reaction, they start looking \_\_\_\_\_ company. Whenever they are \_\_\_\_\_ trouble, they look for someone \_\_\_\_\_ help them.
15. Whenever they reach \_\_\_\_\_ impasse, they look \_\_\_\_\_ someone \_\_\_\_\_ show them \_\_\_\_\_ way \_\_\_\_\_.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ the people who come \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ distress. I am but a go-between \_\_\_\_\_ their effort \_\_\_\_\_ propitiate demonic forces \_\_\_\_\_ prayers and offerings.
17. One must understand \_\_\_\_\_ difference between \_\_\_\_\_ fear-ridden vision \_\_\_\_\_ destiny and the vision that enables us \_\_\_\_\_ seek the enemy \_\_\_\_\_ fulfilment \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves.
18. I remember my father starting his day \_\_\_\_\_ 4 am \_\_\_\_\_ reading the namaz \_\_\_\_\_ dawn. After the namaz, he used to walk down \_\_\_\_\_ a small coconut grove we owned, \_\_\_\_\_ four miles \_\_\_\_\_ our home.
19. I have throughout my life tried \_\_\_\_\_ emulate my father \_\_\_\_\_ my own world \_\_\_\_\_ science and technology. I have endeavoured \_\_\_\_\_ understand the fundamental truths revealed \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ my father.
20. There exists a divine power that can lift one \_\_\_\_\_ confusion, misery, melancholy and failure, and guide one \_\_\_\_\_ one's true place. And once an individual severs his emotional and physical bond, he is \_\_\_\_\_ the road \_\_\_\_\_ freedom, happiness and peace \_\_\_\_\_ mind.



## CORRECTION OF ERRORS

● Correct the errors in the underlined words choosing appropriate alternatives

1. He processed great innate wisdom. (procession / prossessed / possessed)
2. He had an idol helpmate in my mother. (idle / ideal / idole)
3. I do not recall the exact number of people she food everyday. (fed / feed / feeds)
4. My parents was widely regarded as an ideal couple. (were / had been / are)
5. We lived in our ancestor house. (ancestration / ancestral / ancestral)
6. My father used to avoid all unessential comforts and luxuries. (essential / essential / inessential)
7. Mine was a very security childhood. (secure / insecure / unsecure)
8. Our locality was predominantively Muslim. (predominationally / predominated / predominant)
9. I had not the fainest idea of the meaning of the Arabic prayers chanted. (finest / finer / fainter)
10. Prayer made possible a communication of the spirit between people. (community / communication / communal)
11. When you pray you trangend your body. (transend / transfer / transcend)
12. Adversity always presents opportunities for inspection. (introspection / introspect / introductory)
13. He was judging my capacity to comprehense his words. (comprehension / comprehend / comprehension)
14. I have endeavoured to understand the fictional truths revealed to me by my father. (fundamental / fundamentality / functional)
15. It can lift one from confusion, mystery and melancholy. (mysterious / misery / mysery)

## TRANSFORMATION OF SENTENCES

● Change the following sentences into the complex sentences :

1. My father, Jainulabdeen, had neither much formal education nor much wealth.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Despite this disadvantages, he possessed great innate wisdom and a true generosity of spirit.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

3. I was one of many children with rather undistinguished looks.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_