Prepositions and Joining Words

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 50 minutes

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Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. The toy car is inside the bag. Fill in: The toy car is ____ the bag.
(a) in **(b)** behind **(c)** on **(d)** above

2. The stool is in the middle, with one of the two beds on each side. Fill in: The stool is ____ the two beds.
(a) in **(b)** above **(c)** on **(d)** between

3. Choose the right word: My cousin will visit us ____ winter.
(a) of **(b)** at **(c)** on **(d)** in

4. Choose the right word: We will go to the zoo ____ the holidays.
(a) of **(b)** at **(c)** in **(d)** on

5. The children walked from one side of the field to the other. Fill in: The children walked ____ the field.
(a) between **(b)** under **(c)** onto **(d)** across

6. Choose the joining word that makes sense: My bag has books ____ pencils in it.
(a) and **(b)** because **(c)** but **(d)** so

7. Choose the joining word that makes sense: Asha ran fast, ____ she missed the bus.
(a) or **(b)** so **(c)** but **(d)** because

8. Which is the joining word in this sentence? “Kabir drew a tree and he coloured it green.”
(a) Kabir **(b)** coloured **(c)** and **(d)** drew

Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. Fill in at, on or in: (a) We will go to the zoo ____ four o’clock. (b) We will go to the zoo ____ the afternoon. (c) The library is closed ____ Friday evening.

10. The plant is in the middle, with one of the two chairs on each side. Fill in the missing word: The plant is ____ the two chairs.

11. The clock is higher up than the table, not touching it. Fill in the missing word: The clock is ____ the table.

12. The ducks swam from one side of the pond to the other. Fill in the missing word: The ducks swam ____ the pond.

13. Fill in and, but, so, because or or: The plants died ____ nobody watered them.

14. Join the two sentences using “so”: “It was a holiday. The school was closed.”

15. Join the two sentences using “because”: “I stayed at home. I was ill.”

16. Complete the sentence: “Dev was happy because ____”

Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. Fill in each blank with and, but, so, because or or:
(1) Tara is small, ____ she is very strong.
(2) Do you want rice ____ chapati?
(3) Asha ran fast, ____ she missed the bus.
(4) Meera ____ Tara are best friends.

18. Fill in the missing words:
(1) The library is closed ____ noon.
(2) We will go to the zoo ____ Monday.
(3) The ball is inside the bag. The ball is ____ the bag.
(4) The dog is in the middle, with one of the two windows on each side. The dog is ____ the two windows.

19. Join each pair of sentences using the word in brackets:
(1) Aman fed the fish. He cleaned the tank. (and)
(2) We were late. The bus broke down. (because)
(3) I wore my raincoat. It was raining. (because)

20. Write four or five sentences about a game you played. Use at least two of at, on, in and two of and, but, so, because.

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(a) in**	“in” means inside
2	**(d) between**	“between” means in the middle of two
3	**(d) in**	“in” for months, years, seasons and parts of the day
4	**(c) in**	“in” for months, years, seasons and parts of the day
5	**(d) across**	“across” tells us how it moved
6	**(a) and**	“and” adds one thing to another
7	**(c) but**	“but” joins two ideas that are different
8	**(c) and**	“and” joins two parts of the sentence
9	**(a) at; (b) in; (c) on**	“at” for a clock time and for night, noon; “in” for months, years, seasons and parts of the day; “on” for days and dates
10	**between**	“between” means in the middle of two
11	**above**	“above” means higher than, not touching
12	**across**	“across” tells us how it moved
13	**because**	“because” gives a reason
14	**It was a holiday, so the school was closed.**	“so” tells us what happened as a result
15	**I stayed at home because I was ill.**	“because” gives a reason
16	**e.g. Dev was happy because he won the race.**	A sensible ending that fits the joining word.
17	**(1) but; (2) or; (3) but; (4) and**	but, or, but, and
18	**(1) at; (2) on; (3) in; (4) between**	at, on, in for time; in, on, under, behind and others for place
19	**(1) Aman fed the fish and he cleaned the tank.; (2) We were late because the bus broke down.; (3) I wore my raincoat because it was raining.**	“and” adds one thing to another; “because” gives a reason; “because” gives a reason
20	**e.g. On Friday, we played football in the school field. The match began at four o’clock. Our team scored first, but the other team scored twice. We lost, so we will practise harder.**	Correct sentences using the time words and joining words correctly.

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