

CLASS –VII
ENGLISH

Q I: Read the passage carefully and answer the questions:

HISTORY OF POPCORN

Popcorn, also known as popping corn, is a special variety of corn (*Zea mays everta*). Each kernel contains a tiny drop of water. When it is heated, the water expands, causing the kernel to explode and flip inside out. Most U.S. popcorn is grown in Nebraska and Indiana, and increasingly in Texas.

Native Americans first discovered popcorn thousands of years ago in Guatemala or Mexico. It was popped in China during the Song Dynasty (960–279) as well as in Sumatra and India long before Columbus reached the Americas.

In 1519, when he invaded Mexico, Spanish Conquistador Hernando Cortes first saw popcorn when he met the Aztecs. Popcorn was important to the Aztecs as food, as decoration for ceremonial headdresses and necklaces, and as ornaments on statues of their gods. Around 1612, French explorers around the Great Lakes met Iroquois who used heated sand in a pottery vessel to make popcorn. There is an unproven theory that an Indian named Quadequina brought a deerskin bag of popped corn for the first Thanksgiving feast on October 15, 1621. In 1948 and 1950, anthropologist Herbert Dick and botanist Earle Smith discovered ears of popcorn in the Bat Cave of west central New Mexico. The ears measured from smaller than a penny to about two inches. They were determined to be about 5,600 years old. Colonial housewives served popcorn with sugar and cream for breakfast. Some colonists used a cylinder of thin sheet iron that revolved on an axle in front of the fireplace to make popped corn. In 1885, Charles Cretors of Chicago, Illinois, invented the first popcorn machine. Street vendors were soon pushing steam or gas-powered poppers through fairs, parks, and expositions.

Today much of the popcorn you buy at movies and fairs is popped in machines manufactured by the Cretors family. In 1914, in Sioux City, Iowa, Cloyd H. Smith created America's first branded popcorn (Jolly Time), and for the first time, popcorn was available in grocery stores.

Americans eat more than 17 billion quarts of popcorn a year, an average of 60 quarts per person per year. As the result of an elementary school project, popcorn became the official state snack food of Illinois. January 19 is National Popcorn Day, and October is National Popcorn Month.

1.) Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- a.) You should only buy Jolly Time Popcorn.
- b.) Movies are not fun unless you have popcorn.
- c.) Schools are closed on National Popcorn Day.
- d.) Americans eat a lot of popcorn every year.

2.) Popcorn is the official snack of _____.

- a.) the state of Illinois
- b.) the Aztec Indians
- c.) America
- d.) grocery stores

3.) Popcorn is...

- a.) a newer invention.
- b.) thousands of years old.
- c.) hundreds of years old.
- d.) about 50 years old.

4.) Which of the following is NOT true?

- a.) Popcorn was popped at the first Thanksgiving.
- b.) The Popcorn machine was invented by Charles Cretors.
- c.) Popcorn was popped by Colonial housewives.
- d.) Popcorn has been available in grocery stores for hundreds of years.

5.) Each kernel of popcorn contains _____.

- a.) corn
- b.) a drop of water
- c.) heat
- d.) milk

Q : In each sentence given below a word or phrase is underlined. From the given options choose the word / phrase closest in meaning to the underlined part.

6. Grouping stars by their constellations is a handy way of mapping the sky.

- a) funny
- b) nice
- c) convenient
- d) simple

7. Centuries ago, a nomadic tribe besieged the temple to loot its treasure.

- a) wild
- b) barbarous
- c) brave
- d) roving

8. It was a momentous moment in the history of the nation.

- a) insignificant
- b) important
- c) sudden
- d) transient

9. This is not an exhaustive list of collocations.

- a) complete
- b) tiring
- c) useful
- d) adequate

10. The committee decided to expel the new member.

- a) detain
- b) remove
- c) preserve
- d) reserve

Q Against each key word are given five suggested meanings. Choose the word or phrase which is opposite in meaning to the key word.

11. Disburse

- a) collect
- b) gather
- c) pay out
- d) discard

12. Keep

- a) protect
- b) discard
- c) convert
- d) celebrate

13. Kemp

- a) professional
- b) successor
- c) brave
- d) loser

14. Kill

- a) murder
- b) execute
- c) animate
- d) slay

15. Kindle

- a) invoke
- b) infuriate
- c) put off
- d) awaken

Q Fill in the blanks with appropriate phrasal verbs.

16. Wild fires more easily in summer.

- (a) break up
- (b) break out
- (c) break off
- (d) break down

17. I am afraid we have of coconut oil. Will sunflower oil do?

- (a) run off
- (b) run out of
- (c) run out

18. You are an inspiration for many people. the good work.

- (a) Keep on
- (b) Keep up
- (c) Keep off

19. I can't her rude behavior anymore.

- (a) put up
- (b) put along with
- (c) put up with

20. The police are the possibilities of sabotage.

- (a) looking at
- (b) looking into
- (c) looking for

Q Fill in the blanks with a suitable modal verb.

21. You _____ brush your teeth after every meal.

- (a) will
- (b) would
- (c) should
- (d) can

22. The boys _____ train hard if they want to win the competition.

- (a) must
- (b) would
- (c) shall
- (d) can

23. If it does not rain tomorrow, we _____ go for a picnic.

- (a) can
- (b) could
- (c) will
- (d) must

24. _____ you like to join me for a trip up Cameron Highlands ?

- (a) May
- (b) will
- (c) Would
- (d) Shall

25. _____ I go to the toilet please ?

- (a) Would
- (b) May
- (c) Shall
- (d) Can

26. What book by Rudyard Kipling was made into a popular animated feature by the Disney studios?

- A. Rikki-Tikki-Tavi
- B. The Jungle Book
- C. Mulan
- D. The Rescuers

27. Where was Nobel Prize winner George Bernard Shaw born?

- A. Dublin, Ireland
- B. New York, New York
- C. Paris, France
- D. London, England

29. Which of the following is NOT written by Munshi Premchand?

- A. Gaban
- B. Godan
- C. Guide
- D. Manasorovar

30. Who won the 2017 Nobel prize in literature?

- A. Kazuo Ishiguro
- B. Ian McEwan
- C. Julian Barnes
- D. Gustave Flaubert