

1. Select the correct tense.

All the students _____ the special class last week.

- (A) had attended (B) attended
(C) will attend (D) would attend

2. Fill in the blank with correct Homophone.

The Palace was _____

- (A) Species (B) Spacecious
 (C) Spacious (D) Space

3. Change the following adjective into adverb 'near'

- (A) nearer (B) nearly
(C) nearest (D) none

4. Identify the sentence pattern.

The teacher looked tired at the end of the period

- (A) S V C A
(B) S V O C
(C) S V IO DO
(D) S V O A

5. Identify which part the given sentence has an error.

One of the boy is hardworking

(1) (2) (3) (4)

- (A) (3) (B) (4)
 (C) (2) (D) (1)

6. Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word from the options given.

He had only meant to stimulate Lady Anstey

- (A) perplex (B) discourage
(C) implicate (D) provoke

7. Find out the suitable prepositions to fill in the following passage.

Business territory was developed (a) response (b) teachers asking (c)
multimedia resources designed specifically (d) classrooms.

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
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| (A) | in | to | the | in |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B) | in | to | for | for |
| (C) | for | in | to | for |
| (D) | to | for | in | to |

8. Fill in the blanks with the suitable articles.

 apple per day keeps doctor away.

- (A) an, a (B) a, the
 (C) an, the (D) the, a

9. Match the words in Column A with the suffixes in Column B.

| | Column A | | Column B |
|-----|----------|----|----------|
| (a) | attain | 1. | ity |
| (b) | eager | 2. | ful |
| (c) | success | 3. | ment |
| (d) | mortal | 4. | ness |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (A) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| (B) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (C) | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| (D) | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |

10. Identify the sentence which is in the superlative degree
- (A) Come as soon as possible
 - (B) She is senior to all her colleagues
 - (C) Tajmahal is one of the most beautiful buildings
 - (D) It is indeed a major problem
11. The King summoned his subjects for a mass prayer. Here 'summoned' means
- (A) dictated
 - (B) ordered
 - (C) gathered
 - (D) called
12. Identify the figure of speech employed in the following line.
'The reddest flower would look as pale as snow'
- (A) Metaphor
 - (B) Simile
 - (C) Oxymoron
 - (D) Personification
13. What is the meaning for 'Muskie'?
- (A) a type of Rose that smells like musk
 - (B) a type of Lilly that smells like musk
 - (C) a type of Jasmine that smells like musk
 - (D) a type of Sunflower that smells like musk
14. Buffet is known as
- (A) the model millionaire
 - (B) the legendary donator
 - (C) the legendary investor
 - (D) a great philanthropist

15. "In the beginning was the word
And the word was God"
What is the allusion made here?
- (A) Literary Allusion (B) Geographical Allusion
 (C) Biblical Allusion (D) Linguistic Allusion
16. The autobiography 'My Experiments with Truth' is written by
- (A) Jawaharlal Nehru (B) Sarojini Naidu
 (C) Mahatma Gandhi (D) Dr. B.R. Ambedkhar
17. The lesson 'To the Land of Snow' written by Athushi Deshpandae is a
- (A) Prologue (B) Epilogue
 (C) Travelogue (D) Monologue
18. Which Nationality does the short story writer 'Guy de Maupassant' belong to?
- (A) Europe (B) America
 (C) France (D) India
19. In which year did Subash Chandra Bose form the Indian National Army in Singapore?
- (A) 1939 (B) 1943
 (C) 1941 (D) 1938

20. What was the element used in the very cruel bomb dropped on Hiroshima?
- (A) Uranium - U^{234}
 - (B) Uranium - U^{238}
 - (C) Uranium - U^{236}
 - (D) Uranium - U^{235}
21. In which year did the writer Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai receive the Bharatiya Janapith Award?
- (A) 1975
 - (B) 1980
 - (C) 1984
 - (D) 1957
22. Who wrote the poem 'Shilpi'?
- (A) Kamala Markendeya
 - (B) Sarojini Naidu
 - (C) Ashwin Parthiban
 - (D) Krish Karmad
23. Mention the work of Pearl S. Buck
- (A) A tiger in the zoo
 - (B) My native land
 - (C) The good earth
 - (D) To cook and eat

24. "Successful people are those who manage their time efficiently".

What is our most valuable resource?

- (A) Talents
- (B) Treasure
- (C) Time
- (D) Truth

25. Which of these titles is a poem?

- (A) The mark of Vishnu
- (B) The Road to success
- (C) English Words
- (D) A model millionaire

26. Match the synonym in Column A with the relevant meaning in Column B

| A | | B | |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| (a) Futile | | 1. A formal religious function | |
| (b) Perils | | 2. Useless | |
| (c) Lapsed into | | 3. Dangers | |
| (d) Ceremony | | 4. Passed gradually | |

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| (B) | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| (C) | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (D) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |

27. Choose the correct option.

All memories of the bizarre journey vanish when I landed in

(A) Ragesh Kund

(B) Milam village

(C) Suraj Kund

(D) Munsiyari

28. Match the following folk arts in Column A with the Indian State in Column B.

A

B

(a) Kuchipudi

1. Tamil nadu

(b) Bharathanatyam

2. Kerala

(c) Kathakali

3. Punjab

(d) Bangra

4. Andra

(a) (b) (c) (d)

(A) 3 2 1 4

(B) 1 3 4 2

(C) 2 4 3 1

(D) 4 1 2 3

29. Who said this to whom?

"I thrice presented him a kingly crown,

Which he did thrice refuse"

(A) Antony to Brutus

(B) Antony to the citizens of Rome

(C) Brutus to Caesar

(D) Caesar says to Brutus

30. The possibility of winning the prize in the lottery ticket

(A) Thrilled them

(B) Bewildered them

(C) Motivated them

(D) Encouraged them

31. Match the character in Column A with relevant title in Column B

| A | | B | |
|-----|---------------------------------------|----|--------------------|
| (a) | Little boy, children | 1. | The last leaf |
| (b) | Ivan Dmitrietch, Masha | 2. | Two friends |
| (c) | Monseieur Morissot, Monseieur Sauvage | 3. | The Selfish Giant |
| (d) | Sue, Johnsy, Behrman, Doctor | 4. | The Lottery Ticket |

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| (B) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (C) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| (D) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |

32. Match the singular in Column A with the relevant plural in Column B:

| A | | B | |
|-----|-----------------|----|------------------|
| (a) | Aquarium | 1. | Daughters-in-law |
| (b) | Focus | 2. | Crises |
| (c) | Crisis | 3. | Aquaria |
| (d) | Daughter-in-law | 4. | Foci |

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| (C) | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| (D) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

33. Where did the renowned children's writer 'Ruskin Bond' spend most of his life time?

- (A) Nainital hill station of Mussoorie
- (B) Gun hill station of Mussoorie
- (C) Garhwali hill station of Mussoorie
- (D) Cloud end hill station of Mussoorie

34. "For oh, "Say the children, we are weary
And we cannot run or leap".

Who are weary?

- (A) Children (B) Village people
(C) The old lady (D) The poet

35. 'Be a bush, if you can't be a tree'

Mention the figure of speech of the above line

- (A) Simile (B) Personification
(C) Alliteration (D) Metaphor

36. 'Let me not to the marriage of true minds admit impediments. Love is not love what does impediment mean?'

- (A) Love (B) Mind
 (C) Marriage (D) Obstacle

37. What do you mean by linguistics?

- (A) The study of phonemes
(B) The study of speeches of organs
 (C) The study of languages
(D) The study of manners of articulation

38. Who said these following lines in the drama Julius caesar?

"There is tears for his love; Joy for his fortune;
honour for his valour; and death for his ambition

- (A) Brutus (B) Cassius
(C) Casca (D) Antony

39. Match the names of the Works under Column A with their Authors under Column B and select the correct code.

| Column A | | | | Column B |
|---|----------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|
| (a) | The Necklace | | | 1. O. Henry |
| (b) | The selfish giant | | | 2. Pearl S. Buck |
| (c) | The gift of the magi | | | 3. Guy de Maupassant |
| (d) | The refugee | | | 4. Oscar Wilde |
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | |
| (A) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| (B) | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| (C) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (D) | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |

40. To which period Walt Whitman belong?

- (A) 1819-1892
- (B) 1825 - 1900
- (C) 1890- 1975
- (D) 1815 - 1890

41. Claustrophobia means the fear of

- (A) Heights
- (B) Water
- (C) Confined place
- (D) Isolation

42. Which nationality does the poet D.H. Lawrence belong to?
- (A) India (B) Germany
 (C) Britain (D) Canada

43. Match the Characters with the relevant story title and select the correct codes given

| Column A | | | | Column B |
|------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------|
| (a) Phatik Chakrabarti | | | | 1. Reflowering |
| (b) Rowther | | | | 2. The last leaf |
| (c) Della | | | | 3. Holiday |
| (d) Mr. Behrman | | | | 4. The gift of Magi |

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| (B) | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| (C) | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (D) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |

44. What is the theme observed in the literary work

'Where the mind is without fear'

- (A) Value of Education (B) God fearing
 (C) Environment (D) Patriotism

45. Find out who said this?

"Often I have been asked if as a child I had ever dreamt of going into space".

- (A) Kalpana Chawla (B) Sunitha Williams
 (C) Neil Armstrong (D) Rakesh Sharma

46. Identify the pattern of the sentence.

'Ravi often gets tired'

- (A) S V DO IO
 (B) S V AC A
 (C) S A V A
 (D) S A V C

47. Mention the poem in which these lines occur?

But he's locked in a concrete cell,

His strength behind bars.

(A) To cook and eat

(B) To India

(C) A Tiger in the Zoo

(D) With A friend

48. Which of the following is not a tragedy by William Shakespeare?

(A) Julius Caesar

(B) Romeo and Juliet

(C) Antony and Cleopatra

(D) Twelfth Night

49. Match the poems with the poets.

| | | |
|--|----|----------------------------|
| (a) The Piano | 1. | Elizabeth Barrett Browning |
| (b) Manliness | 2. | F. Joanna |
| (c) The cry of the children | 3. | Rudyard Kipling |
| (d) A sonnet for my incomparable mother | 4. | D.H. Lawrence |

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (B) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (C) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (D) | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |

50. Who wrote the poem "The Solitary Reaper"?

(A) Sarojini Naidu

(B) William Wordsworth

(C) Robert Browning

(D) V.K. Gokak

51. Choose the correct question tag.

Everyone is present in the meeting

- (A) are they?
(B) are they?
(C) isn't it?
(D) is it?

52. Identify the correct Degree.

Prabu is one of the most helpful persons

- (A) Positive
 (B) Superlative
(C) Comparative
(D) None of the above

53. Change the following simple sentence into compound sentence.

The ceiling is too high for me to touch

- (A) The ceiling is so high yet he cannot touch it
(B) The ceiling is very high so she cannot touch it
 (C) The ceiling is so high and so we cannot touch it
(D) The ceiling is very high and I cannot touch it

54. Who wrote 'I Dare - It's Always possible'?

- (A) R.K. Narayan
(B) Kushwant Singh
(C) Athushi Deshpande
 (D) Kiran Bedi

55. One who foretells the future is known as

- (A) Psychologist
 (C) Astrologer
(B) Philanthropist
(D) Mind reader

56. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word from the options given.

I am deeply concerned about the way.....

- (A) wounded interested
(C) worried (D) affected

57. Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word in the following sentence.

A village was affected by drought

- (A) summer (B) winter
 floods (D) famine

58. Match the following words and phrases given in Column A with their meanings in Column B

| A | | B | |
|---------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Phrases | | Meaning | |
| (a) | put on | 1. | demolish |
| (b) | take up | 2. | leave |
| (c) | pull down | 3. | study |
| (d) | check out | 4. | wear |

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (C) | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| (D) | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |

59. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word from the options given.

She made herself indispensable to her institution

- (A) essential (B) vital
(C) meagre (D) negligible



60. Find out the correct question tag from the options.

They came by train _____?

(A) isn't it?

(B) didn't they?

(C) are they?

(D) do they?

61. Write the correct tense.

They _____ in the school since 2012.

(A) are serving

(B) will serve

(C) will be serving

(D) have been serving

62. Fill in the blank with the options.

He refused _____ 'no' for an answer.

(A) taking

(B) take

(C) took

(D) to take

63. Identify the sentence which is not of the same pattern as the others.

(A) Solomon was wise

(B) She was excited

(C) He became the president

(D) He wore his new uniform

64. Which one of the following is a correct sentence?

(A) Kannan is more tall than Raja

(B) Kannan is not more tall than Raja

(C) Kannan is not taller to Raja

(D) Kannan is taller than Raja

65. V.K. Gokak was a professor of _____

(A) Telugu

(B) English

(C) Tamil

(D) Kannada

66. Choose the correct antonym.

We inhale oxygen when we breathe in

(A) Yawn

(B) Exhale

(C) Hiccup

(D) Burp

67. Choose the correct synonym.

We believe that as a nation and as a people we need to shed our cynicism and initiate concrete action to realise the second vision

(A) stop

(B) begin

(C) instruct

(D) install

68. Match the words in Column A with relevant meanings in Column B

| Column A | | | | Column B |
|----------|----------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| (a) | Stooping | | | 1. Expressing pain or regret |
| (b) | Drooping | | | 2. Bending forward |
| (c) | Droning | | | 3. Closing due to tiredness. |
| (d) | Moaning | | | 4. Making a continuous low sound |

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| (B) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| (C) | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (D) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |

69. What is a Sonnet?

- (A) A Lyric
- (B) An Elegy
- (C) An Ode
- (D) A Ballad

70. Which nationality the story belongs to?

"How the Camel got its Hump"?

- (A) America
- (B) British
- (C) Australia
- (D) South Arabia

71. Who said this following?

The Jew Shall have all justice. Soft! No haste,
He shall have nothing but the penalty'

- (A) Portia says to Bassanio that Shylock will have penalty as per justice and nothing else
- (B) Bassanio says these words to Antonio
- (C) Antonio explains the judgement to Bassanio
- (D) Portia explains Shylock about the punishment he will have at the end

72. Who said 'Under the wide and starry sky Dig the grave and let me lie'?

(A) Jane Austin

(B) Ben Johnson

(C) RL Stevenson

(D) Francis Bacon

73. Someone was before me at my water - trough,

And I like a second comer, waiting

Name the poet of these poetic lines.

(A) D. H. Lawrence

(B) H.W. Longfellow

(C) Robert Frost

(D) Rabindranath Tagore

74. How long did the giant stay with his friend in Cornish Ogre?

(A) 20 years

(B) 15 years

(C) 10 years

(D) 7 years

75. 'And sings a melancholy strain', - The Solitary Reaper

The figure of speech used here is _____

(A) Apostrophe

(B) Metaphor

(C) Anaphora

(D) Oxymoron

76. Mr. Pneumonia figures in

- (A) The lottery ticket
- (B) The Last Leaf
- (C) Kaanchanai
- (D) Holiday

77. Match the British English words in Col. A with equivalent American English in Col. B.

| A | | B | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|--|
| (a) Dust bin | | 1. Frieight train | |
| (b) Jam | | 2. French fries | |
| (c) Goods train | | 3. Jelly | |
| (d) Chips | | 4. Garbage can | |

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| (B) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (C) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (D) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |

78. Which of the following sentences is in passive voice

- (A) He learns many languages
- (B) A car was bought by him
- (C) I consume fruits regularly
- (D) She writes a letter

79. The figure of speech used in the line,
"Old age and youth alike mistaught, misfed" of the poem – To a Millionaire, is
- (A) Personification (B) Alliteration
(C) Simile (D) Metaphor
80. Why did Bassanio need money?
- (A) To marry Portia
(B) Since he was a spendthrift
(C) To run a business
(D) To give it to Antonio
81. What kind of world is described in the poem 'Migrant Bird'?
- (A) Disturbed world
(B) Happy world
(C) Peace world
(D) Mysterious world
82. Who said the following
"That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind"
- (A) Kalpana Chawla
(B) HW Longfellow
 (C) Neil Armstrong
(D) Jawaharlal Nehru

83. "The very cruel bomb" compelled the Empire of Japan to surrender
- (A) To the Russians (B) To the Europeans
- (C) To the Americans (D) To the Australians

84. Who said this?
- "I would sweep them out of existence if I had the power"
- (A) Indira Gandhi
- (B) Mahatma Gandhi
- (C) Rajiv Gandhi
- (D) Nethaji Subash Chandra Bose

85. Which Nationality does the poet William Wordsworth belong to?
- (A) Canada (B) Russia
- (C) Britain (D) Italy

86. Match the names of characters in Column A with the relevant of their identifications in Column B.

| A | | B | |
|-----|---------------|----|-----------------------|
| (a) | Thirumalpad | 1. | Big farmer |
| (b) | Outha kutty | 2. | Small farmer |
| (c) | Kesavan Nair | 3. | Kesavan Nair's friend |
| (d) | Kutty Mappila | 4. | Landlord |

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (C) | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| (D) | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

87. V.K. Gokak expresses his admiration for the English language in the poem

(A) Balaka

(B) The Golden Boat

(C) The Idiot one

(D) English words

88. You bleached our souls with impurities

You bathed our hearts

The above lines are taken from the poem

(A) A noiseless patient spider

(B) A psalm of life

(C) English words

(D) Snake

89. The author of the story "Reflowering" is

(A) Rabindranath Tagore

(B) R.K. Narayan

(C) Oscar Wilde

(D) Sundara Ramasamy

90. To which nationality the story belongs — The Refugee

(A) India

(B) Russia

(C) China

(D) England

91. Find out the work of Annie Louisa Walker from the following

(A) Ballads

(B) Voices of the night

(C) Leaves from the Backwoods

(D) Hiawatha



92. Which one of the following is written by Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai?
- (A) The mark of Vishnu (B) The Necklace
 (C) The Farmer (D) The Road to Success

93. Match the following poems given in Column A with their poets in Column B:

| Column A | | | | Column B |
|---|------------------------|-----|------------------------|----------|
| (a) | The flying wonder | 1. | Lewis Carroll | |
| (b) | Is life but a dream? | 2. | D.H. Lawrence | |
| (c) | O captain! my captain! | 3. | Stephen Vincent Bennet | |
| (d) | Snake | 4. | Walt Whitman | |
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | |
| (A) | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (C) | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| (D) | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |

94. Match the following poems given in Column A with their poets in Column B:

| Column A | | | | Column B |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----|---------------------|----------|
| (a) | Going for water | 1. | Khalil Gibran | |
| (b) | Earth | 2. | Ralph Waldo Emerson | |
| (c) | The apology | 3. | Jack Prelutsky | |
| (d) | Be glad your nose is in your face | 4. | Robert Frost | |
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | |
| (A) | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| (B) | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| (C) | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (D) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

95. Identify the speaker from the given important lines.

"After you big guys came, can we drain out the water at the right times?"

- (A) Kuttichovan (B) Outhakutty
 (C) Kutty mappila (D) Kesavan Nair

96. Match the name of the each poet with his/her place in Column A with Column B.

| A | | B | |
|------------------------|----|-------------|--|
| (a) Walt Whitman | 1. | Lebanon | |
| (b) Jack Prelutsky | 2. | Cockermouth | |
| (c) Khalil Gibran | 3. | Brooklyn | |
| (d) William Wordsworth | 4. | Long Island | |

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (C) | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| (D) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |

97. Match the names of the poets given in Column A with Column B where the names of the nations given.

| Column A | | Column B | |
|-------------------------|----|----------|--|
| (a) H. W. Long fellow | 1. | Britain | |
| (b) Annie Louisa Walker | 2. | India | |
| (c) Leslie Norris | 3. | America | |
| (d) Rabindranath Tagore | 4. | Welsh | |

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (A) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (B) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (C) | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| (D) | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |

98. Identify the character Jessica from the following options.

- (A) Julius Caesar
(B) The Merchant of Venice
(C) Solitary Reaper
(D) The Open Window

99. Shakespeare's Sonnet No 116 deals with

- (A) War
(B) Love
(C) Patriotism
(D) Time

100. What is the theme observed in the poem 'The cry of the children'?

- (A) Protecting the environment
(B) Agony of child labourers
(C) Result of hard work
(D) Mental illness