

TASK 5

Read and complete the text below.

For each of the empty space (23-34) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D).

CYCLE OF EVIL

There was once a king who was so cruel and unjust that his subjects yearned for his death or dethronement.

(23) , one day he surprised them all by announcing that he had decided to (24) a new leaf.

"No more cruelty, no more injustice," he promised, and he was as good as his word. He became known as the 'Gentle Monarch'.

Months after his transformation one of his ministers (25) enough courage to ask him what had brought about his change of heart, and the king answered:

"As I was galloping through my forests I (26) of a fox being chased by a hound. The fox escaped into his hole but not before the hound had bitten into its leg and lamed it for life. (27) I rode into a village and saw the same hound there. It was barking at a man. Even as I watched, the man (28) a huge stone and flung it at the dog, breaking its leg. The man had not gone far when he was kicked by a horse. His knee was (29) and he fell to the ground, (30) for life. The horse began to run but it fell into a (31) and broke its leg. Reflecting on all that had happened, I thought: 'Evil (32) evil. If I continue in my evil ways, I will surely be overtaken by evil'. So I decided to change".

The minister went away (33) that the time was ripe to overthrow the king and (34) the throne. Immersed in thought, he did not see the steps in front of him and fell, breaking his neck.

	A	B	C	D
23	Otherwise	However	Moreover	Although
24	turn on	turn off	turn up	turn over
25	plucked up	plucked at	plucked on	plucked in
26	caught up	caught sight	caught breath	caught hold
27	First	Finally	Later	Eventually
28	picked at	picked on	picked out	picked up
29	kicked	shattered	crippled	ruined
30	disabled	beaten	sick	unable
31	hall	whole	hole	hell
32	begets	bears	mothers	forms
33	persuaded	sure	convinced	ready
34	catch	captivate	thrill	seize

TASK 6

Read the text below.

For each empty space (35-46) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Write your answers on a separate answer sheet.

THE LORD KRISHNA AND THE LAPWING'S NEST

It was the battle of Kurukshetra. The white conch shells were about (35) , the elephants to march forward, and the attack of the archers to commence. The moment was brief and terrible. Banners (36) , and the charioteers preparing for the advance. Suddenly a little lapwing, who (37) her nest in the turf of a hillock in the midst of the battlefield, (38) the attention of the Lord Krishna by her (39) of anxiety and distress for her young. "Poor little mother!" he said tenderly, "let this (40) thy protection!" And, lifting a great elephant-bell that (41) near, he placed it over the (42) nest. And so, through the eighteen days of raging battle that (43) , a lapwing and her nestlings (44) in safety in (45) nest, by the mercy of the lord, even in the midst of the (46) field of Kurukshetra.

	A	B	C	D
35	sound	sounded	sounding	to sound
36	flew	were flying	had flown	had been flying
37	had built	built	was building	was built
38	drew	had drawn	has drawn	draws
39	cried	crying	cries	cry
40	to be	be	been	being
41	fell	had fallen	has fallen	fallen
42	lapwings	lapwings'	lapwings's	lapwing's
43	followed	follow	had followed	has followed
44	were kept	kept	are kept	keeping
45	its	their	her	his
46	rage	raging	raged	rages