

English Test

10 Questions in 15 minutes

Passage 1

Bodke lives in a pocket-sized tenement with erratic water supply on TJ Road. Across the street are gated high-rises with their swimming pools and squash courts plotted across acres of land. “We live next-door to each other but don’t really cross paths,” says Ujwala Deshmukh, a few kholis away from Bodke. “This is our side and that is theirs.” With half the city living in slums, Mumbai has always been known for the cheek-by-jowl proximity of the rich and the poor. But in the past decade, as old textile mills in central Mumbai have given way to luxury high-rises and office towers, the social divide is visible in a new way. The rich are suddenly living in the midst of historically gritty neighborhoods—or floating above them as best they can. Nowhere is this juxtaposition—and disconnect—more glaring than on TJ Road in Sewri where posh complexes like Ashok Gardens, Celestia Spaces, and Dosti Flamingos have sprung up along a narrow lane lined with small shops and working-class tenements.

The disruption has forged a complex, sometimes prickly relationship between old and new residents. The high-rises have brought some benefits to an area blighted by shuttered mills. Many chawl residents have got work as maids and drivers. During festivals, aajis visit flats to whip up traditional delicacies like puran polis. But festival time is also when conflict erupts between tower and tenement. During Navratri and Ganeshotsav, the tower windows remain firmly shut. “The noise levels are very high,” says Tejas Parulekar, a Dosti Flamingos resident who moved in five years ago. Some wonder if chawl residents are extra noisy to annoy their new neighbours. “During a celebration, there will always be a few people from the buildings dialling 100 [the police],” Parulekar says.

Direction for questions 1 to 3: From the above passage find out synonymous word for the following words.

1. close together:
2. collocation:
3. apartments:

Direction for questions 4-5: For the word given at the top of each table, match the dictionary definitions on the left (A, B, C, D) with their corresponding usage on the right (E, F, G, H). Out of the four possibilities given in the boxes below the table, select the one that has all the definitions and their usages most closely matched.

4. Measure

Dictionary definition		Usage	
A	Size or quality found by measuring	E	A measure was instituted to prevent outsiders from entering the campus.
B	Vessel of standard capacity	F	Sonu was asked to measure each item that was delivered by the shopkeeper.
C	Suitable action	G	The measure of the football pitch was 25 yards.
D	Ascertain extent or quality	H	Rima used a measure to take out two liters of ghee.

1)

A	H
B	F
C	E
D	G

2)

A	G
B	E
C	F
D	H

3)

A	G
B	H
C	E
D	F

4)

A	F
B	H
C	E
D	G

5. Deal

Dictionary definition		Usage	
A	Manage, attend to	E	Ramesh insisted on dealing the cards.
B	Stock, sell	F	This contract deals with handmade cards.
C	Give out to a number of people	G	My brother Paresh deals in cards.
D	Be concerned with	H	She decided not to deal with management.

1)

A	A
B	E
C	G
D	H

3)

A	F
B	H
C	G
D	E

2)

A	H
B	G
C	E
D	F

4)

A	H
B	E
C	G
D	F

Direction for questions 6 to 7: For every word a sentence is given, you have to find out the option which represents the similar meaning to the given word.

6. **SWAG** - Richa has promised me swag of chocolates’.

- 1) A curtain
- 2) Money or good taken by thief
- 3) A large number or amount
- 4) Sway from one side to other

7. **FLAIR** – He had flair for sports.

- 1) Stylishness
- 2) Originality
- 3) A special ability for doing something
- 4) Art

Direction for questions 8-10: Find the second pair after determining the relation between the first pair in the given question.

8. Careful: cautious:: boastful:?

- 1) Joyful
- 2) Arrogant
- 3) Humble
- 4) Serious

9. Pride: Lion:: clever: ?

- 1) Fox
- 2) Sheep
- 3) Dog
- 4) Cheetah

10. Explore: Discover:: Research: ?

- 1) Relate
- 2) Learn
- 3) Implement
- 4) Read