

**NMAT SECTION – I****LANGUAGE SKILLS**

***Questions 1 – 15 : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words/phrases are printed in bold to help you to locate them while answering some of the questions.***

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How can one ignite the young minds? How can one attract and involve the young in the task of nation building? Only a united vision launched with renewed vigour will bring the young force into action.

The subject of transparency and values brings to my mind Gandhiji. I happened to meet in Delhi his granddaughter, Sumitra Kulkarni. I asked her, 'Sumitraji, is there a particular incident (in respect of honesty in public life) that you always remember from your grandfather's life?'

She narrated to me this story. 'Every day, as you all would have heard, Mahatma Gandhi had a prayer meeting at a fixed time in the evening. After the prayers there would be a collection of voluntary gifts for the welfare of harijans and others. The devotees of Gandhiji used to collect whatever was given by the people of all sections and this collection was counted by a few members suggested by Gandhiji. The amount so collected would be informed to Gandhiji before dinner. The next day, a man from the bank would come to collect the money for deposit.'

'Once the man reported that there was a shortage of few paise in the money handed over to him and the amount informed to Gandhiji the previous night. Gandhiji, on hearing this, was so upset that he went on fast saying that this is a poor man's donation and we have no business to lose any of it.' This episode is a unique example of transparency in public life. Well, in the same country we are witnessing the best and the worst. We should all, particularly the young generation, launch a movement for a transparent India, just as our fathers fought for our freedom. Transparency is a cornerstone of development.

Excerpted from Ignited Minds, authored by A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

1. The author wants to emphasize –
- (1) how Gandhiji was honest and transparent
  - (2) the importance Gandhiji attached to transparency
  - (3) .....how money donated by poor can be very useful
  - (4)
  - (5) None of these



9. Ignite (1) set on fire (2) inspire (3) respond  
(4) move into action (5) aggravate
10. Target (1) objective (2) goal (3) aim  
(4) time limit (5) duration

11- 17. **In the following passage, there are blanks. Find out the appropriate word in each case.**

The unification of science and spirituality will be essential to take benefit of science and technology to mankind. In 1911, Sri Aurobindo wrote in the Song of Humanity: "A time will come when the Indian mind will shake off the darkness that has fallen upon it, cease to ..... hold opinions at second and third hand and reassert its right to judge and enquire with perfect freedom into the meaning of its own culture and tradition."  
..... shackles of poverty.

**Rearrange the following six sentences to form a meaningful paragraph....**

(Ignited Minds by Kalam)

Another aspect of a developed country is global competitiveness of its industry. It is not only catering to the home market but also aiming for a large market outside it. Hence its contribution to GDP is also very large. This is the prerequisite for India too in its development. Indian industry has to show the same competitiveness and innovation so that we can have our own multinationals.

- 18 **FIRST** statement after rearrangement ?  
19 **SECOND** statement?  
20 **FOURTH** statement?  
21 **FIFTH** statement?  
22 **SIXTH** statement?

**Which of the phrases should replace the phrase given in bold**

23. Anyone can ..... on-line **if you have internet access.**  
(1) if you have had internet access (2) if you were to internet access  
(3) if you like to have internet access (4) if he or she has internet access  
(5) No correction
- 24 **If I'd have realized** ..... I was to the ..... I would have suffered .....  
(1) Had I been ..... (2) .....  
(3) I would have (4) **Had I realized** ..... (5) No correction
- 25 ..... shopkeeper **hadn't hardly have** ..... compact discs.  
(1) **had hardly** ..... (2) hadn't hardly .... (3) .....  
(4) had not have ..... (5) No correction

26 If you finish.....you will save money and time, but you **have not had** the opportunity to enjoy travel.

- (1) ..... (2) ..... (3) **will not have**  
(4) would not (5) No correction

*Find out the appropriate word for bold word.*

27 Their heroic act .... **lauded** by the.....

- (1) rewarded (2) **admired** (3) ..... (4) criticized (5) .....

28 The obsolete weapons .....

- (1) defective (2) ..... (3) **outdated** (4) harmful (5) .....

