

TEXTBOOK EXERCISE

- Q.1** Where does the play take place? OR (6 Times)
 Describe the scene and place of the play, 'The Oyster and the Pearl' OR (1 Time)
 Describe the setting of the play "The Oyster and the Pearl". (1 Time)

Barber Shop in O.K.-by-the-Sea

Answer. The play takes place in a barber shop in O.K.-by-the-Sea, a small seaside town. There are a few stores on the highway. The houses are further back in the hills. There are a church and a school in this small town. There are almost a thousand people in it, who are living a happy, peaceful life.

- Q.2** Why is Harry sitting in the barber's chair? OR (7 Times)
 What is Harry doing when the play begins? (2 Times)

In order to Get a Haircut

Answer. Harry is sitting in the barber's chair in order to get a haircut. A boy of nine or ten named Clay Larrabee is giving him a haircut. Clay gives Harry a haircut free of charge, and Harry gives Clay a haircut free of charge, which Harry calls fair and square.

- Q.3** According to Harry, how does one bring merriment to the tired old human heart? (10 Times)

By Doing Creative Things

Answer. Harry says that one may bring merriment to the tired old human heart by doing creative things. One may compose a symphony, paint a picture, write a book or invent a philosophy.

- Q.4** What is Harry's philosophy? (39 Times)

The "Take-it-easy-Way"

Answer. Harry's philosophy is a way to live. He calls it the "Take-it-easy-way". Harry says that all philosophies sound good. The trouble with him was that he kept forgetting to take life easy for a long time.

- Q.5** How much did Harry pay for his barber shop? OR (3 Times)
 When and for how much money did Harry buy the shop? (2 Times)

Seventy-Five Dollars

Answer. Harry paid seventy-five dollars for his barber shop in O.K.-by-the-Sea. The purchase included a free haircut and that was twenty-four years ago. It was an old-fashioned shop, crowded with stuff not usually found in barber shops.

- Q.6** How many barbers are there in O.K.-by-the-Sea?

Only One Barber

Answer. There is only one barber in O.K.-by-the-Sea, and that is Harry. Harry is not a typical barber. He gives free haircuts to poor people. O.K.-by-the-Sea is a small town, and Harry is the only barber in it.

- Q.7 How much does Harry charge for haircuts? OR (3 Times)**
How much Harry charges for haircut and why does he not charge Clay? (1 Time)

A Dollar for a Haircut

Answer. Harry normally charges a dollar for a haircut. But quite often he charges less than a dollar because the people here are all poor. Most of them cannot afford to pay for the haircuts he gives them. Harry does not charge Clay, because both give haircuts to each other free of charge.

- Q.8 Where is Clay going? OR (2 Times)**
Why does Clay need money? OR (24 Times)
Who is Clay? What is his problem? OR (1 Time)
Why does Clay want money? (1 Time)

To Bring His Father Home

Answer. Clay is a boy of nine or ten. He needs money to bring his father home, and to buy his mother a present. His father has left home because of poverty. Clay needs money to help his parents and bring happiness back to his home. So, Clay is going to the beach to look for stuff.

- Q.9 What has happened to Clay's father? OR (15 Times)**
What was the conflict between Clay's father and mother? OR (2 Times)
What's the real cause of Clay Larrabee's leaving? OR (1 Time)
Why does Clark Larrabee leave his house? (1 Time)

Clay's Father has Left Home

Answer. Clay's father has left home because of poverty. He has four kids to provide for, but he cannot give them the things they need. He and his wife often fight. They had too many fights about a month ago. So, Clark has now gone off. He is working in Salinas.

- Q.10 What kind of ad does Clay put in the local newspaper? (18 Times)**

An Ad about His Father to Come Home

Answer. Clay puts an ad in the local newspaper about his father to come home. He says in the ad that Clark's fishing kit is safe and sound, and there are plenty of fish. He requests his father to forget the past and come home as his children miss him very much.

- Q.11 Who is Miss McCutcheon? How does she feel about her job? OR (17 Times)**
What do you know about Miss McCutcheon? OR (4 Times)
How would you describe Miss McCutcheon? (1 Time)

A New School Teacher

Answer. Miss McCutcheon is a new school teacher in O.K.-by-the-Sea. She has spent only one week at the school, and she is frustrated now. She is unable to decide whether she should stay or to give up in despair and go home to San Francisco.

- Q.12** What is Miss McCutcheon looking for? How does she feel about the children of the town? OR (9 Times)
 What are Miss McCutcheon's views about children there in the town? OR (1 Time)
 What are the main interests of the children of the town O.K.-by-the-Sea? (1 Time)

Looking for a Chance to Teach

Answer. Miss McCutcheon is looking for a chance to teach. She, however, feels that the children of the town do not seem to care about anything whether they pass or fail. She says that they are unruly and careless. She says that they need fun and adventure, and are only interested in games and the sea.

- Q.13** What does Harry advise Miss McCutcheon to do? (6 Times)

Go back if the Going is Good

Answer. Harry advises Miss McCutcheon to do what she likes better. Miss McCutcheon asks Harry to advise her whether she should go back or stay in the town. Harry advises her to go back if the going is good. He says that she is too good for a town like O.K.-by-the-Sea.

- Q.14** What kind of haircut does Miss McCutcheon want? (6 Times)
 Can Harry give a poodle haircut? OR (2 Times)
 Why doesn't Harry give Miss McCutcheon a poodle haircut? OR
 Why does Harry refuse to give a poodle cut to Miss McCutcheon? OR (1 Time)
 What does Miss McCutcheon think that a poodle haircut will do to her appearance?
 OR
 Why does Miss McCutcheon want to change her appearance? OR (2 Times)
 Why does the girl want a poodle haircut? (1 Time)

A Poodle Haircut

Answer. Miss McCutcheon wants a poodle haircut. She is a new school teacher in the town, and she wants to change her appearance. She thinks that she does not fit into the scenery around here. Harry does not know how to give a poodle haircut. Besides, he does not give women haircuts.

- Q.15** Where has Clark Larrabee been? How does he get to O.K.-by-the-Sea? (1 Time)
 OR
 Where has Clark Larrabee been? How did he get to O.K.-by-the-Sea? (2 Times)

Working in Salinas

Answer. Clark Larrabee is working in Salinas. He has been away from his family for almost a month. His son gives an ad in the local newspaper, requesting him to come back. Clark gets a ride in a truck and comes to O.K.-by-the-Sea. He comes back to give money to his son.

- Q.16** What does Clark give Harry and for what purpose? OR (6 Times)
What does Clark give to Harry? (1 Time)

Clark Gives Harry Thirty Dollars

Answer. Clark gives Harry thirty dollars. He wants his son to take this money home to his mother. He has saved these thirty dollars in one month. He asks Harry not to tell his son that he came in the town to give the money.

- Q.17** How far is it to Hollywood from O.K.-by-the-Sea? (1 Time)

About Two Hundred Miles

Answer. Hollywood is about two hundred miles from O.K.-by-the-Sea. The Man, on his way to Hollywood, stops for oil change. He steps in a barber shop to get a haircut. Harry tells the Man that Hollywood is straight down the highway, and one can't miss it.

- Q.18** What work does the Man do? (1 Time)

The Man is a Writer

Answer. The Man is a writer. He says that he writes a little bit of everything. On his way to Hollywood, he stops on the highway for oil change. He steps in a barber shop to get a haircut. Later, he buys the oyster from Clay for three hundred dollars.

- Q.19** What does Clay find near the Black Rock? OR (7 Times)
What according to Clay is in the oyster? How much is it worth? OR (12 Times)
What does Clay believe is in the Oyster? (1 Time)

An Oyster near Black Rock

Answer. Clay finds an oyster near the Black Rock. He says that he went looking for it and he did not find it by chance. Clay believes that there is a pearl in the oyster. He says that it is worth at least three hundred dollars.

- Q.20** Does Miss McCutcheon believe that there is a pearl in the oyster? OR (7 Times)
What is Miss McCutcheon's opinion about any pearl in the oyster? (1 Time)

Miss McCutcheon does not Believe

Answer. Miss McCutcheon does not believe there is any pearl in the oyster. She says that one oyster in a million has a pearl in it. She adds that truth favours the probability that the oyster that Clay has found is not the millionth one.

- Q.21** Why does Miss McCutcheon have a chair with three legs? (3 Times)

Children Bring Odds and Ends

Answer. Miss McCutcheon has a chair with three legs, without a seat, and she has found it on the beach. She says that she is going to bring the same things from the sea as everybody else in the town. People, especially children, bring odds and ends washed up by the sea.

- Q.22** What kind of judge is Judge Applegarth? OR (22 Times)
Why Applegarth is called a judge? (1 Time)

Applegarth Judge of Animals

Answer. Arthur Applegarth once judged animals at a county fair, so everybody calls him Judge now. Harry says that nobody checked up whether Applegarth judged any animal race, but Applegarth says he did that.

- Q.23** What year is it?

It is 1953

Answer. It is 1953. When Miss McCutcheon asks Mr. Van Dusen mockingly if they were living in the Middle Ages, Greeley says that it is 1953. The new teacher Miss. McCutcheon, wanted the children to come out of the darkness of ignorance and face truth.

- Q.24** What does Greeley have in a bottle? (1 Time)

Sea Water in a Bottle

Answer. Greeley has sea water in a bottle. He believes that the water of the sea is full of things. Miss McCutcheon wants the children to face truth. She tries to illustrate what she means by asserting that there is nothing else but water in the bottle.

- Q.25** Who suggests that they open the oyster? (1 Time)

Miss McCutcheon Suggests

Answer. Miss McCutcheon suggests that they open the oyster. She wants to prove that there is no pearl in the oyster. She says that there is only one chance of a pearl in a million oysters. She believes that the oyster Clay has found is not the millionth oyster.

- Q.26** Why does Harry want Wozzeck to come? (8 Times)

Expert Watch Repairer

Answer. Harry wants Wozzeck to come and open the oyster. He is afraid that he might damage the pearl if he tried to open the oyster. He asks the children to go down the street to Wozzeck's, because Wozzeck is an expert watch repairer.

- Q.27** How does Harry describe the inhabitants of O.K.-by-the-Sea? OR (16 Times)
What was the opinion of Harry about the people of O.K.-by-the-Sea? (3 Times)

They Love Each Other Very Much

Answer. Harry says that the inhabitants of O.K.-by-the-Sea are poor. He says a few people find jobs a couple of months every year and a few get pensions. In a town of almost a thousand people, there isn't one rich man. But they love each other very much and cannot live away from their homes.

Q.28 How does Miss McCutcheon view Harry's thinking about the pearl in the oyster?

Mumbo-Jumbo Ideas

Answer. Miss McCutcheon says that Harry's ideas are illogical and confusing. She calls them mumbo-jumbo ideas. She wants to teach children the principles of truth. She wants everyone to face the truth and come out of the world of illusions.

Q.29 Why does the judge think that Miss McCutcheon will not last as a teacher? What kind of teacher does he think is needed? (2 Times)

Too Pretty for a Small Town

Answer. The judge thinks that Miss McCutcheon will not last a month as a teacher because she is too pretty for a small town like O.K.-by-the-Sea. He says that their school needs an old, strict teacher like the one they had when they went to school.

Q.30 What is Applegarth's complaint about the sea? (15 Times)

The Beach is Not What It Used to Be

Answer. Applegarth's complaint is that the beach is not what it used to be. He says that the quality of the stuff the sea washes up now is not good any more. He complains that there is not one thing, a blessed thing on the beach, worth picking up and taking home.

Q.31 What kind of gadget does the writer describe? (5 Times)

A Gadget like a Safety Razor

Answer. The writer tells Harry that there is a gadget like a safety razor in New York. He says that anybody can give anybody else a haircut with it. Harry, however, says that a boy likes to get a professional looking haircut.

Q.32 Who buys the oyster? How much does he pay? OR How much money does the writer pay for the oyster? (12 Times) (1 Time)

Writer Buys Oyster for Three Hundred Dollars

Answer. The writer buys the oyster and he pays three hundred dollars for it. When Clay asks the writer if there is no pearl in the oyster, the writer says that it does not matter. The writer says that as far as he is concerned, the whole thing is a pearl.

Q.33 Why does the writer not open the oyster? OR Does the writer open the oyster? (2 Times) (3 Times)

The Pearl in the Oyster Alive

Answer. The writer does not open the oyster because he believes that the pearl in the oyster is alive. He believes that the pearl has not stopped growing yet, so he wants the whole thing. He knows that there is no pearl in it, but he wants to help the little boy.

Q.34 Why does Clark Larrabee return? (9 Times)

To Give Money to His Family

Answer. Clark Larrabee returns to the town after reading the ad that Clay has put in the local paper. In the ad, he requests his father to let bygones be bygones and come home. Clark Larrabee comes back but only to give money to his family.

Q.35 What does the writer do with the oyster? (8 Times)

Writer Puts Oyster in Coat Pocket

Answer. The writer puts the oyster in his coat pocket. Earlier, the writer holds it in front of him as if it were an egg. He knows that there is no pearl in the oyster, but he buys it for three hundred dollars. He actually wants to help the little boy and his poor family.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM PAST PAPERS

Q.1 What aroused the curiosity of the writer? (1 Time)

Clay's Love for his Family

Answer. Clay's love for his family aroused the curiosity of the writer. Clay's father left home because of poverty and he wanted to bring his father home. Clay also wanted to buy a present for his mother. So, he needed money to do these things, and the writer decided to help the poor boy.

Q.2 Which things were placed in Harry's shop? OR (4 Times)
Describe Harry's shop shortly. OR (2 Times)
Give a short description of Harry Van Dusen's shop. OR (1 Time)
Describe Harry's shop. (1 Time)

Many Odds and Ends

Answer. Different things were placed in Harry's shop. On the walls, on shelves, there were many odds and ends. Some looked apparently washed up by the sea. There were shells, rocks, pieces of driftwood, a life jacket, a rope and sea plants. There was also an old-fashioned chair in the barber shop.

Q.3 How many characters are there in the play "The Oyster and the Pearl"? (1 Time)

Nine Characters in the Play

Answer. There are nine characters in the play: Harry, a barber; Clay Larrabee, a boy; Miss McCutcheon, a new school teacher; Clark Larrabee, Clay's father; Man, a writer; Roxanna Larrabee, Clay's sister; Greeley, Clay's pal; Judge Appiegarth, a beach combler; Wozzeck, a watch repairer.

Q.4 Draw a character sketch of Harry, the barber. OR (1 Time)
Which quality of Harry does impress you the most? Write five sentences. (1 Time)
OR
Which are the specific traits of Harry that appeal you? OR (1 Time)
How does Harry make the people happy? (1 Time)

Noble Soul and Gentle Fellow

Answer. Harry Van Dusen is a barber in a small town. He is a noble soul and gentle fellow. He is loving, caring and friendly. He is generous and sympathetic. He is just like children who always look for fun and adventure. He makes people happy by his witty remarks. Harry's sense of humor impresses me the most.

Q.5 Why does Harry emphasize that there is a pearl in the oyster? (1 Time)

Harry wants to Cheer up the Little Boy

Ans. Harry emphasizes that there is a pearl in the oyster because he wants to cheer up the little boy who is in trouble. His father has left home because of poverty, and Clay now wants to bring his father home and buy a present for his mother. Harry knows that there is perhaps in the oyster, but he does not want to break Clay's heart by disagreeing with him.

Q.6 Why does Harry buy the barber shop? (1 Time)

To Take His Time

Answer. Harry buys the barber shop because he wants to take his time. He says that one day he came off the highway into the small town. He thinks this place proper for him to stop. By buying the shop, Harry gets a chance to take his time and think what he is looking for.

Q.7 How does Harry spend his time? (1 Time)

Doing Different Things

Answer. Harry spends his time doing different things. He says that there are two or three haircuts a day, a lot of time to read, a few laughs, a few surprises, the sea and the fishing. Harry is satisfied with his days and nights and says that it is a good life.

Q.8 Briefly describe Clay and his family? (1 Time)

Clay Belongs to a Poor Family

Answer. Clay is a nine or ten years old boy. He belongs to a poor family. He and his parents picked cotton before they came into the small town. His father has had many fights with his mother because of poverty and left home. Clay wants to get his father home and buy a present for his mother.

Q.9 What type of town is O.K-by-the-Sea? (1 Time)

A Small Town near the Sea

Answer. O.K-by-the-Sea is a small town near the sea. In this town of almost a thousand people there isn't one rich man, yet these people are the richest. They love each other and cannot live away from the town for long. There are a few stores on the highway. The houses are further back in the hills. There is also a church and a school in this town.

Q.10 Why does the writer decide to buy the oyster without looking at the pearl? (1 Time)

He Wants to Help the Poor Boy

Answer. The writer decides to buy the oyster without looking at the pearl because he does not want to shatter Clay's confidence. The writer knows that there is perhaps no pearl in the oyster, but he pretends that the pearl has not stopped growing. He actually wants to help the poor, little boy.

Q.11 Why does Harry forbid the girl to whisper? (1 Time)

People Misunderstand

Answer. Harry forbids the girl to whisper because, according to him, people misunderstand and get wrong impression by whisperings. O.K bye-the-Sea is a small town and the few people living here know each other very well. So, people's whispering here causes misunderstanding that leads to doubts.

Q.12 What was the wish of Clark about children? (1 Time)

All Good Things for His Children

Answer. Clark has four children to provide for, but he feels ashamed when he fails to take proper care of them. He wants his kids to live in a good house of their own, wear good clothes, and all the good things a father wants for his children.

Q.13 What did Applegarth say about Miss McCutcheon? OR (1 Time)
What sort of teacher will suit O.K bye-the-Sea? (1 Time)

Too Beautiful

Answer. Applegarth says Miss McCutcheon will not stay in the town more than a month. He means to say that the new school teacher is too beautiful. He says that their town needs an old, strict teacher to deal with the unruly children. Applegarth believes that an old battle-axe like teachers suit O.K bye-the-Sea

Q.14 What is the physical appearance of Miss McCutcheon? (1 Time)

Very Young, Intelligent and Beautiful

Answer. Miss McCutcheon is a new school teacher in a small town. She is very young, intelligent and beautiful. She has long blonde hair. She impresses everybody by her cool, charming looks. Children think that she is nothing more than a pretty girl who is going to give up in despair and go home.

Q.15 What was known about Harry's dress as a barber? (1 Time)

Not Putting on a Barber's White Jacket

Answer. Harry was known for not putting on a barber's white jacket or to work without a hat. He is, in fact, not a typical barber. Even the things in his shop are not found in barber shops. He and his shop are quite different from regular barbers and their shops.

Q.16 What did Clay's father say and write before leaving the house and why does he say so? (1 Time)

Enough is Enough

Answer. Clay's father said "enough is enough", and he wrote it on the kitchen wall before leaving the house. He had too many fights with his wife because of poverty. He left the house and began working in a remote town for his family.

Q.17 What is the theme of the play “The Oyster and the Pearl” (1 Time)

Make Life Easy

Answer. The theme of the play is that we should make our life easy and try to help people in trouble. The play is a sentimental comedy. It demonstrates that life and people are wonderful though odd at times.

MCQs FROM PAST PAPERS

1. **What is Miss McCutcheon looking for?** (3 Times)

(a) a husband	(b) a house
(c) a job	(d) a chance to teach
2. **Fenton Lockhart is a:** (3 Times)

(a) writer	(b) sailor
(c) painter	(d) doctor
3. **How many kids does Clark Larrabee have?** (2 Times)

(a) two	(b) three
(c) four	(d) five
4. **Who is Miss McCutcheon?** (2 Times)

(a) an air hostess	(b) a doctor
(c) a nurse	(d) a teacher
5. **Miss. McCutcheon is a _____.** (1 Time)

(a) nurse	(b) lady doctor
(c) helper	(d) teacher
6. **For how many dollars did Harry buy his shop?** (2 Times)

(a) fifty-five	(b) sixty-five
(c) seventy-five	(d) eighty-five
7. **Harry bought his barber shop for _____.** (1 Time)

(a) 70 dollars	(b) 75 dollars
(c) 80 dollars	(d) 85 dollars
8. **Wozzeck repairs:** (3 Times)

(a) furniture	(b) watches
(c) shoes	(d) cars
9. **How many barbers were there in the Ok-by-the Sea?** (2 Times)

(a) one	(b) two
(c) three	(d) no one
10. **What does youth and intelligence need according to Harry?** (2 Times)

(a) money	(b) diligence
(c) success	(d) excitement
11. **What is Harry’s philosophy?** (2 Times)

(a) live and let live	(b) to take it easy
(c) a business	(d) a newscaster
(a) play	(b) work
(c) compose music	(d) take-it-easy
12. **Miss McCutcheon wants _____?** (2 Times)

(a) boy-cut	(b) baby-cut
(c) poodle-cut	(d) cadet-cut

13. What sort of hair cut does Miss McCutcheon want? (1 Time)
 (a) black (b) blonde
 (c) curly (d) poodle
14. What did Applegarth judge? (2 Times)
 (a) animals (b) books
 (c) people (d) birds
15. Judge judged _____ (1 Time)
 (a) criminals (b) dogs
 (c) kids (d) people
16. Harry came to O.K. by the Sea. (1 Time)
 (a) twenty years ago (b) twenty-two years ago
 (c) twenty-three years ago (d) twenty-four years ago
17. How many years ago did Harry buy the shop? (1 Time)
 (a) 24 (b) 25
 (c) 26 (d) 7
18. What is first name of the Applegarth? (2 Times)
 (a) Judge (b) John
 (c) Powers (d) Louie
19. Clay gives an ad in _____ (1 Time)
 (a) The times (b) The O.K-by-the-Sea Gull
 (c) The Guardian (d) The Mirror
20. Clay wants to buy a present for his ____ (2 Times)
 (a) mother (b) father
 (c) beloved (d) wife
 (a) mother (b) father
 (c) Harry (d) sister
21. What is the name of the population of O.K.-by Sea? (1 Time)
 (a) 606 (b) 707
 (c) 808 (d) 909
22. Why does Clay go to the beach? (1 Time)
 (a) to take a bath (b) to catch fish
 (c) to enjoy the waves (d) to look for some oyster
23. What did Miss McCutcheon find from the sea shore? (1 Time)
 (a) a chair (b) an oyster
 (c) sea water (d) an umbrella
24. The distance between Hollywood to O.K-by-the-Sea is _____. (1 Time)
 (a) 200 miles (b) 182 miles
 (c) 160 miles (d) 150 miles
25. What is the distance between Hollywood and O.K-by-the-Sea? (1 Time)
 (a) 100 miles (b) 200 miles
 (c) 150 miles (d) 250 miles
26. Clay Larrabee seems to believe there's a pearl in the _____. (1 Time)
 (a) sea (b) river
 (c) oyster (d) pool
27. What does Clay believe is in the oyster. (1 Time)
 (a) a pearl (b) three hundred dollar
 (c) an expensive store (d) sea water

28. **Where does the play, "The Oyster and the Pearl" take place?** (1 Time)
 (a) a clinic (b) a bus station
 (c) a house (d) a barber shop
29. **What does the play "The Oyster and the Pearl" demonstrate?** (1 Time)
 (a) faith in the basic goodness of human nature
 (b) suffering and poverty of human beings
 (c) child labour
 (d) simplicity of rural life
30. **Clark leaves home and starts working in:** (1 Time)
 (a) New York (b) Salinas
 (c) Hollywood (d) San Francisco
31. **Where has Clark been working?** (1 Time)
 (a) In Kent county (b) In New York
 (c) In Salinas (d) In Washington
32. **What does Clay believe in the oyster?** (1 Time)
 (a) three hundred dollars (b) a pearl
 (c) an expensive stone (d) sea water
33. **Harry has never been known as to put on a barber's ____.** (1 Time)
 (a) blue eyes (b) red shirt
 (c) white jacket (d) brown jacket
34. **Who was the editor and publisher of the weekly paper "The OK-by-the-Sea Gull"?** (1 Time)
 (a) Fenton Lockhart (b) Harry Van Dusen
 (c) Clay Larrabee (d) Wozzeck
35. **"I want a poodle haircut." Who said this?** (1 Time)
 (a) Miss McCutcheon (b) Clark
 (c) Harry (d) Clay
36. **Where does Clay go?** (1 Time)
 (a) to a fair (b) to the beach
 (c) to school (d) to play
37. **Who gave the philosophy of "Take it Easy"?** (1 Time)
 (a) Harry (b) Fenton
 (c) Clay (d) the girl
38. **Clay is _____.** (1 Time)
 (a) Clark's son (b) McCutcheon's nephew
 (c) Harry's servant (d) Writer's driver
39. **How was Clay's father brought back?** (1 Time)
 (a) By money (b) By discussion
 (c) By bribe (d) Through advertisement
40. **Miss McCutcheon belongs to:** (1 Time)
 (a) New York (b) California
 (c) San Francisco (d) Hollywood
41. **Clay needs money _____.** (1 Time)
 (a) for clothes (b) for food
 (c) to get his father come home (d) for books
42. **Miss McCutcheon was looking for:** (1 Time)
 (a) a chance to teach (b) a handsome boy
 (c) friend (d) house

43. What did Clark write on the wall? (1 Time)
 (a) it is okay (b) I am going
 (c) it is finished (d) enough is enough
44. How do all philosophies sound? (1 Time)
 (a) low (b) surprising
 (c) good (d) different
45. The girl who visited Harry's shop for the hair cut was? (1 Time)
 (a) Miss Roxanna (b) Miss Clara
 (c) Miss America (d) Miss McCutcheon
46. Clark Larrabee gives Harry? (1 Time)
 (a) 10 dollars (b) 20 dollars
 (c) 30 dollars (d) 40 dollars
47. Who suggested to open the Oyster? (1 Time)
 (a) Applegarth (b) Harry
 (c) Miss McCutcheon (d) The writer
48. Clay thinks that the pearl in the oyster is worth _____. (1 Time)
 (a) three hundred dollars (b) one hundred dollars
 (c) one hundred rupees (d) four hundred dollars
49. What is the year of the scene of "The Oyster and the Pearl"? (1 Time)
 (a) 1852 (b) 1952
 (c) 1953 (d) 1854
50. When did McCutcheon come to O.K.-by-the-Sea last? (1 Time)
 (a) Thursday (b) Friday
 (c) Saturday (d) Sunday
51. Gadget is like a _____. (1 Time)
 (a) blade (b) safety razor
 (c) knife (d) comb
52. What does Applegarth call Miss McCutcheon? (1 Time)
 (a) a battle-axe (b) a bathing beauty
 (c) an ill-mannered girl (d) an ugly girl
53. What sort of play is 'The Oyster and the Pearl'? (1 Time)
 (a) a farcical play (c) a sentimental comedy
 (b) a humorous play (d) a tragedy

ANSWER KEY

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D	A	C	D	D	C	B	B	A	D	B/D	C	D	A	B	D	A	A
19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	32.	33.	34.	35.	36.
B	A/A	D	D	A	A	B	C	A	D	A	B	C	B	C	A	A	B
37.	38.	39.	40.	41.	42.	43.	44.	45.	46.	47.	48.	49.	50.	51.	52.	53.	
A	A	D	C	C	A	D	C	D	C	C	A	C	D	B	B	C	

MORE MCQS FOR PRACTICE

1. **What does the play 'The Oyster and the Pearl' reflect?**
 - (a) materialism
 - (b) spiritualism
 - (c) human evils
 - (d) author's attitude towards life and people
2. **What is placed on the shelves in Harry's shop?**
 - (a) razors
 - (b) combs
 - (c) gadgets
 - (d) odds and ends
3. **What did Harry invent?**
 - (a) an implement
 - (b) a philosophy
 - (c) a gadget
 - (d) a tackle
4. **Why does Harry not go with Clay?**
 - (a) He is tired.
 - (b) He hates going to the sea.
 - (c) He is bored.
 - (d) He expects a little Saturday business
5. **What did Clay do to get his father back?**
 - (a) called out to him
 - (b) put his fishing tackle in a closet
 - (c) went to the beach
 - (d) put an ad in the paper
6. **What is Miss McCutcheon carrying when she comes first to Harry?**
 - (a) a fish
 - (b) a chair with three legs
 - (c) an oyster
 - (d) a parasol
7. **Miss McCutcheon says the children are _____.**
 - (a) diligent
 - (b) talented
 - (c) unruly
 - (d) obedient
8. **In what things are children interested according to Miss McCutcheon?**
 - (a) sweets
 - (b) fishing
 - (c) games and sea
 - (d) reading
9. **Why does Miss McCutcheon want to change her appearance?**
 - (a) to look beautiful
 - (b) to look disciplined
 - (c) to look battle-axe
 - (d) to fit into the scenery
10. **Where was the writer going when he came to Harry?**
 - (a) to New York
 - (b) to Hollywood
 - (c) to San Francisco
 - (d) to California
11. **What is Wozzeck?**
 - (a) a watch repairer
 - (b) a farmer
 - (c) a judge
 - (d) publisher of the weekly paper
12. **What sort of jewellery does Wozzeck sell?**
 - (a) genuine
 - (b) imitation
 - (c) gold
 - (d) second hand
13. **Greeley is carrying a bottle of _____.**
 - (a) fresh water
 - (b) wine
 - (c) milk
 - (d) sea water
14. **Who says that there is no pearl in the oyster?**
 - (a) Harry
 - (b) Clay
 - (c) Greeley
 - (d) McCutcheon

15. There are about _____ people in O.K.-by-the-Sea.
 (a) 1000 (c) 2000
 (b) 3000 (d) 4000
16. According to Applegarth what sort of teacher their school needs?
 (a) a young man (c) a severe man
 (b) an old battle-axe (d) a pretty girl
17. How much does the writer pay for the haircut?
 (a) one dollar (c) three dollars
 (b) two dollars (d) four dollars
18. How much does the writer pay for of the oyster?
 (a) a hundred dollars (c) two hundred dollars
 (b) three hundred dollars (d) four hundred dollars
19. "The O.K.-by-the-Sea Gull" comes out _____.
 (a) Every Saturday (c) Every month
 (b) Every Sunday (d) Every fortnight
20. What principles does Miss McCutcheon want to teach the children?
 (a) truth (c) education
 (b) fishing (d) urban life
21. Clay's father and mother haven't been _____.
 (a) giving up (c) calling to
 (b) wandering about (d) getting along
22. Clark Larrabee has four kids to _____.
 (a) fight against (c) break in
 (b) provide for (d) go with

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B	D	D	A	B	A	B	A	A	D	B

SYNONYMS FROM PAST PAPERS

1. The school children are unruly. (9 Times)
 (a) good (b) wild (c) hard-working (d) sensible
 (a) nice (b) disciplined (c) disobedient (d) active
 (a) illiterate (b) ill-mannered (c) well-educated (d) well-mannered
2. Clay says, "Father, your fishing tackle is in the closet safe." (7 Times)
 (a) red (b) apparatus (c) meadow (d) bay
 (a) ship (b) boat (c) place (d) gear
 (a) gear (b) ball (c) foil (d) wreck
3. Clark Larrabee has scarcely noticed her. (7 Times)
 (a) happily (b) quickly (c) suddenly (d) hardly
 (a) lovingly (b) hardly (c) slightly (d) rarely

4. **Roxanna had an assortment of shells.** (6 Times)
 (a) a net (b) a bag (c) a set (d) a cap
 (a) cover (b) hope (c) a cap (d) collection
 (a) net (b) skin (c) set (d) cap
 (a) cap (b) net (c) set (d) skin
 (a) a net (b) a variety (c) a cap (d) a number
5. **Miss America. I presume.** (4 Times)
 (a) think (b) recollect (c) guess (d) remember
 (a) guess (b) call (c) dream (d) wish
6. **Wozzeck is bewildered.** (4 Times)
 (a) confused (b) sail (c) happy (d) mad
 (a) astonished (b) happy (c) angry (d) disappointed
7. **Compose a symphony, paint a picture, or write a book.** (4 Times)
 (a) piece of music (b) rhyme (c) book (d) poem
8. **Are you suggesting we play a trick to carry out your mumbo-jumbo ideas?** (4 Times)
 (a) great (b) innovative (c) confusing (d) mature
9. **Harry had mumbo-jumbo ideas.** (2 Times)
 (a) wise (b) good (c) meaningless (d) sensible
10. **I want to quit and go home to San Francisco.** (4 Times)
 (a) write (b) travel (c) leave (d) enjoy
11. **It is an old-fashioned shop crowded with stuff.** (4 Times)
 (a) decorated (b) colored (c) damaged (d) packed
 (a) void (b) heavy (c) packed (d) upset
12. **“The Oyster and the Pearl” is a sentimental comedy.** (3 Times)
 (a) ironic (b) rational (c) traditional (d) emotional
13. **It sounds pretty good.** (3 Times)
 (a) tells (b) prescribes (c) illustrates (d) seems
 (a) disappears (b) looks (c) tastes (d) engulfs
14. **Miss McCutcheon looks bewildered.** (2 Times)
 (a) confused (b) pleased (c) determined (d) spirited
15. **Miss McCutcheon closed a colourful parasol.** (2 Times)
 (a) window (b) umbrella (c) door (d) purse
16. **Not even one who is well off.** (2 Times)
 (a) well behaved (b) polite (c) wealthy (d) healthy

17. Truth favors the probability that this not the millionth oyster. (2 Times)
 (a) unlikelihood (b) incredibility (c) uncertainty (d) likelihood
18. Clay wants to buy for Mother a present. (2 Times)
 (a) gift (b) oyster (c) chain (d) watch
19. The sea washes up some pretty good things. (2 Times)
 (a) ejects (b) drowns (c) engulfs (d) swallows
 (a) clears (b) hides (c) ejects (d) destroys
20. Wozzeck sold imitation stuff. (2 Times)
 (a) nice (b) artificial (c) fine (d) genuine
 (a) real (b) copy (c) vast (d) great
21. Our school needs old battle-axe like teachers. (1 Time)
 (a) meek (b) aggressive (c) soft (d) educated
22. He stands looking at Harry's junk. (1 Time)
 (a) body (b) shop (c) waste material (d) furniture
23. Clay may bring merriment to the old human heart. (1 Time)
 (a) disappointment (b) joy (c) frustration (d) dissatisfaction
24. Who will bring merriment to the tired old human heart? (1 Time)
 (a) hopelessness (b) cheerfulness (c) despair (d) pessimism
25. There are many odds and ends in the barber shop. (1 Time)
 (a) fragments (b) corpses (c) books (d) edibles
26. On the walls, on the shelves are many odds and ends. (1 Time)
 (a) common things (b) strange things (c) unknown things (d) known things
27. She had magnificent blonde hair. (1 Time)
 (a) long (b) red (c) short (d) golden
28. The playwright demonstrates good faith in human beings. (1 Time)
 (a) displays (b) discards (c) denies (d) loses
29. He examines the shears and clippers. (1 Time)
 (a) knives (b) scissors (c) plates (d) boxes
30. They have got a gadget in New York. (1 Time)
 (a) engagement (b) appliance (c) market (d) hotel
31. I would like poodle haircut. (1 Time)
 (a) curly (b) straight (c) plain (d) wavy

32. **Wozzeck has got a few cultivated pearls.** (1 Time)
 (a) genuine (b) artificial (c) costly (d) artless
33. **Clark: (after a slight pause) I've left Fay, Harry.** (1 Time)
 (a) warning (b) speed (c) break (d) thinking
34. **I am determined to teach there.** (1 Time)
 (a) bound (b) inclined (c) resolved (d) renounced
35. **I am expecting a little Saturday business.** (1 Time)
 (a) writing (b) sleeping (c) hoping (d) doing
36. **Wozzeck, carrying a satchel, comes in.** (1 Time)
 (a) box (b) tools (c) file (d) bag
37. **Harry said that he would not cut Miss McCutcheon's hair in a nightmare.** (1 Time)
 (a) good dream (b) good mood (c) city (d) bad dream
38. **I am going to give up in despair and go home.** (1 Time)
 (a) happiness (b) bliss (c) misery (d) pleasure
39. **The various hats express the quality of the barber's soul.** (1 Time)
 (a) reject (b) hide (c) indicate (d) conceal
40. **Let bygones be bygones.** (1 Time)
 (a) forget the differences
 (b) remember the past events
 (c) gloomy days are gone
 (d) good days are gone
41. **It shows playwright's eminently fascinating attitude.** (1 Time)
 (a) humbly (b) proudly (c) highly (d) simply
42. **What aroused the curiosity of the writer?** (1 Time)
 (a) habit (b) activity (c) denial (d) desire
43. **Youth and intelligence need excitement.** (1 Time)
 (a) adventure (b) thrill (c) elation (d) vigor

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12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.
D	D/B	A	B	C	D	A	A/C	B/B	B	C
23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	32.	33.
B	B	A	B	D	A	B	B	A	B	C
34.	35.	36.	37.	38.	39.	40.	41.	42.	43.	
C	C	D	D	C	C	A	C	D	B	

MORE SYNONYMS FOR PRACTICE

1. You may turn out to be the one man hidden away in the junk of the world.
(a) appear (c) go on
(b) disappear (d) bring up
2. Clark's fishing tackle was safe and sound in the closet.
(a) storeroom (c) compound
(b) ceiling (d) yard
3. There isn't an eligible bachelor in the village.
(a) illiterate (c) suitable
(b) elderly (d) ambitious
4. That's a couplet. Shakespeare had them at the end of a scene.
(a) rhyming verse (c) compound sentence
(b) climax (d) complement
5. Truth is supposed to set us free, not imprison us.
(a) chain (c) hurt
(b) mislead (d) release
6. He judged animals at a county fair.
(a) urban (c) village
(b) primitive (d) industrial
7. Yes, Greeley, and to illustrate what I mean that's water you have in that bottle.
(a) sketch (c) confirm
(b) guarantee (d) exemplify
8. They come back half dead of homesickness, and live on next to nothing the rest of the year.
(a) boredom (c) excitement
(b) nostalgia (d) delirium
9. "One oyster doesn't make a stew, Harry."
(a) tool (c) ornament
(b) hat (d) dish
10. Nobody seems to have any sensible ambition.
(a) aim (c) contentment
(b) curiosity (d) seriousness
11. "If you give me a poodle haircut I'll look more plain and simple."
(a) straight forward (c) unattractive
(b) innocent (d) levelheaded

12. I won't forget this rudeness, Mr. Van Dusen.
 (a) rashness (c) favour
 (b) discourtesy (d) behaviour
13. Clark hands Harry three ten-dollar bills.
 (a) receipts (c) drafts
 (b) invoices (d) notes
14. I got to peking around and I found this oyster.
 (a) rolling (c) splashing
 (b) spinning (d) searching
15. She gives him angry glance.
 (a) slap (c) look
 (b) rebuke (d) cry

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