

TEXTBOOK EXERCISE

- Q.1 How does Kreton prove his extraordinary powers? Write five sentences. OR** (25 Times)
What special quality does Kreton possess? (1 Time)

Kreton's Extraordinary Powers

Answer. Kreton proves his extraordinary powers in many ways. He is immortal, which is his special quality. He can control his thoughts. He can read people's minds. He can create an invisible wall to save him and his spaceship. He flies in a spaceship that has no instrument board. He can speak all languages.

- Q.2 What is the purpose of Kreton's visit to the Earth? OR** (27 Times)
What is the hobby of Kreton? OR (8 Times)
Why does Kreton take interest in Earth? OR (1 Time)
Why does Kreton decide to stay further on the Earth? (1 Time)

To Take Charge of the Planet

Answer. The purpose of Kreton's visit to the Earth is to take charge of the planet. In the beginning, he says that he is a hobbyist and loves to wander about. He says that his hobby is to study Earth and its civilization. He decides to stay further on the Earth by declaring that he has come to take charge of the Earth.

- Q.3 How much advanced is the civilization of Kreton as compared to that of the Earth?** (20 Times)

Much More Advanced Civilization

Answer. The civilization of Kreton is much more advanced as compared to that of the Earth. According to Kreton, the civilization on the Earth is only at the initial stages. The people of the Earth have primitive traits like wonder, fear and pride. Kreton and his people do not die. Kreton can read people's minds.

- Q.4 Can the people of the Earth compete with those of Kreton? OR** (22 Times)
Compare and contrast the people of the two planets. OR (5 Times)
Compare the People of the Mars and the Earth. OR (1 Time)
How does Kreton compare the people of his planet with the people of earth? (1 Time)

Earth People cannot Compete

Answer. The people of the Earth cannot compete with those of Kreton. Kreton and his people are much more advanced. They are immortal and can control their thoughts. On the other hand, the Earth people are mortal. They cling to their primitive traits. Their civilization is only at the initial stages.

- Q.5 How damaging is violence in life? Write five sentences.** (17 Times)

Threat to Life and Civilization

Answer. Violence in life is very damaging. It is a threat to life and civilization. It results in frustration and chaos. It stops the cycle of progress and development. It negates all moral values and good norms. It creates revengefulness and savagery. It leads to increased incidences of depression and anxiety.

Q.6 What type of life do you foresee in the year 5000? (19 Times)

Life in 5000 will be Wonderful

Answer. The type of life I foresee in the year 5000 will be wonderful. In the year 5000, people will be living on different heavenly bodies. They will have overcome diseases. They will be free from fears and prejudices. They will have no social and economic problems. Their life style and ways of enjoyment will be totally different.

Q.7 How much impressive were the morals of Kreton? OR (16 Times)
Does Kreton have better morals than human beings? Explain in a few lines. (1 Time)

The Morals of Kreton are Very Impressive

Answer. The morals of Kreton are very impressive. Kreton is very polite, gentle and well-mannered. He answers all questions of General Powers politely and good-humoredly. He does not want to sound patronizing while commenting on the progress the people have made on the Earth. He appreciates whatever the human beings do on the Earth.

Q.8 What is the role of General Powers in the play? (28 Times)

Symbol of Super Power, America

Answer. The role of General Powers in the play is very important. He is a symbol of super power, America. He concludes that the visitor is a spy, sent to the Earth by an alien race to study the people on it, preparatory to invasion. It is through him that we come to know that the visitor has come to take charge of the planet, Earth.

Q.9 What is the theme of Kreton's study? OR (28 Times)
Write down the views of Kreton about Earth. OR (1 Time)
What does Kreton know about the earth? (1 Time)

Civilization is Just Beginning

Answer. Kreton has made a thorough study of the planet, Earth. According to him, the planet, Earth is divided into five continents with a number of large islands. It is mostly water. There is one moon and civilization is just beginning.

Q.10 How does Kreton impress General Powers? (20 Times)

By Revealing General Powers' Secret Thoughts

Answer. Kreton impresses General Powers in many ways. He impresses General Powers by disclosing that his spaceship has no instrument board or food. Kreton creates an invisible

wall around his spaceship and fails all plans of General Powers. He reveals General Powers' secret thoughts about his promotion.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM PAST PAPERS

Q.1 Describe Mrs. Spelding briefly. (10 Times)

A Typical Housewife

Answer. Mrs. Spelding is a typical housewife. She is bored and absent-minded. She knits passively while Mr. Spelding talks at his desk. She likes her husband's broadcast because it is a source of earning. She feels enlivened and cheerful when Kreton arrives. She appreciates her son-in-law.

Q.2 Write a short note on Ellen. OR (9 Times)
How does Ellen defend John? OR (2 Times)
Who is Ellen? OR (1 Time)
What was Ellen doing during her father's broadcasting? (1 Time)

Ellen is a Lively Girl

Answer. Ellen is a lively girl of twenty. She is not an ambitious or materialistic girl like her father. She feels restless as she listens to her daddy's broadcast. She loves her fiancé and wants to live a simple life on a farm. She defends John by asserting that he is not a lazy boy. She says that John works very hard.

Q.3 Where did the spaceship land? (8 Times)
Describe the arrival of the flying saucer? OR (6 Times)
How large is the object in Spelding's estimation? (2 Times)

Right in the Rose Garden

Answer. The spaceship landed in the backyard of Mr. Spelding's house. It landed right in the rose garden of Mrs. Spelding. She was worried more about her rose garden than about anybody else. In Spelding's estimation, the flying object is not much larger than a car.

Q.4 What do you know about Kreton? OR (6 Times)
How does Kreton look like? OR (3 Times)
Who is Kreton and how is he in a dominating position? OR (1 Time)
Who is Kreton? OR (1 Time)
Write a short note on Kreton? (1 Time)

Visitor from Outer Space

Answer. Kreton is a visitor from outer space. He arrives on the earth in a spaceship. He is in his forties, a mild, pleasant looking man with side-whiskers. He is dressed in the fashion of 1860. He has impressive manners. He has extraordinary powers. He is a hobbyist and loves the Earth people.

Q.5 What was the first impression of the Spelding family about the visitor? OR (5 Times)
What was the reaction of Mr. and Mrs. Spelding on seeing Kreton? OR (1 Time)
Were there some people present at Spelding's farmhouse and what were their feelings? OR (1 Time)
How was Kreton received by the Spelding family? (1 Time)

First Impression of Spelding Family

Answer. The Spelding family received Kreton very warmly. Mr. Spelding said that it was a pleasure to receive him. Mrs. Spelding felt enlivened and cheerful at the visitor's arrival. John and Ellen felt excited and thrilled at the arrival of Kreton.

Q.6 What are Mr. Spelding's views about the flying object? OR (4 Times)
What does Roger Spelding tell his audience about the flying object in his broadcast? (1 Time)

OR

What does Roger Spelding say in his broadcast? (1 Time)

A Weather Balloon or a Meteor

Answer. Mr. Spelding's views about the flying object are that it is either a weather balloon or a meteor passing through the Earth's orbit. Mr. Spelding does not believe it to be a secret weapon of his country or a spaceship. He thinks that it could be an optical illusion... mass hysteria.

Q.7 Why does Spelding hate John? OR (4 Times)

What is the basic weakness of John? OR (2 Times)

What is the impression of Spelding about John? OR (1 Time)

Why does Roger Spelding criticize John? OR (1 Time)

What does Spelding wish for his daughter's marriage? OR (3 Times)

What were the wishes of Mr. and Mrs. Spelding about their daughter? OR (1 Time)

What is Mr. Spelding's advice to his daughter about marriage? OR (1 Time)

What was Spelding's wish regarding Ellen's marriage? (1 Time)

John does not Have Get-up-and-Go

Answer. Spelding hates John because John does not have get-up-and-go. He dislikes John because he is not hard working and ambitious. He does not want his daughter to marry a boy who plans to sit on a farm all his life, growing peanuts. Spelding wishes that some ambitious man should marry his daughter.

Q.8 What is an optical illusion? (3 Times)

Something that Deceives the Eye

Answer. An optical illusion is something that deceives the eye by appearing to be other than it is. A rainbow is an optical illusion — it does not actually exist in a specific spot in the sky. Mr. Spelding rejects people's assumptions about the spaceship. He calls it an optical illusion... mass hysteria.

Q.9 Who put Mr. Spelding's house under martial law and why? (3 Times)

General Powers put the House Under Martial Law

Answer. General Powers put Mr. Spelding's house under martial law. He did so for the sake of security. He believed that Kreton was from outer space and could be a threat to the planet. Therefore, he put the house under army control until the crisis was over.

Q.10 Write a brief note on John. OR (3 Times)

Who is John? What is his role in the play? (1 Time)

A Perfectly Nice Boy

Answer. John is the fiancé of Ellen. He is a farmer. He grows English walnuts. According to Mrs. Spelding, he is a perfectly nice boy. Mr. Spelding, however, does not like him for having no get-up-and-go. John is not ambitious or materialistic. He breaks the news about the arrival of the spaceship and asks Kreton some important questions.

Q.11 Why is John not allowed to make a call to his family? (2 Times)

Answer. John is not allowed to make a call to his family because Mr. Spelding's house is under army control. AIDE tells him that the house is a military reservation until the crisis is over. He even forbids John to leave the house without General Powers' permission.

Q.12 Who is General Powers? OR (2 Times)

Draw a character sketch of General Powers. OR (1 Time)

Write a brief note on General Powers? (1 Time)

Did General Powers show any security risk when he met Kreton? (2 Times)

What restrictions were imposed on Spelding's house? (2 Times)

A Vigorous Product of the National Guard

Answer. General Powers is a vigorous product of the National Guard. His duty is to maintain law and order. He is an ambitious man and wants to get promotion by arresting Kreton. He puts Mr. Spelding's house under martial law. He believes that Kreton is a spy from outer space sent by an alien race.

Q.13 Why do Kreton's people not travel much? OR (2 Times)

Why do the people of Kreton's planet not travel? (1 Time)

No Particular Need to Travel

Answer. Kreton's people do not travel much because there is no particular need to travel. According to Kreton, they used to travel in the past, but now they see everything through their special monitors and re-creators.

Q.14 How does AIDE describe the spaceship? OR (1 Time)

How do you describe the spaceship in your own words? OR (1 Time)

How does AIDE describe the flying object? (1 Time)

What did the captain find inside the spaceship? (1 Time)

Description of the Spaceship

Answer. The captain reports that the flying object is elliptical, with a fourteen-foot diameter. He adds that it is made of an unknown metal which shines, and there is nothing inside the spaceship.

Q.15 How and what does Kreton read in the mind of General Powers? OR (1 Time)

What does Kreton read in General Powers' mind? OR (1 Time)

What does Kreton tell General Powers what he is thinking? OR (1 Time)

What was General Powers thinking? OR (1 Time)

What does Powers think according to Kreton? (1 Time)

Kreton Reads Fears

Answer. Kreton reads fears in the mind of General Powers. He says that General Powers is thinking that Kreton is either a lunatic from the Earth or a spy from another world. He then startles General Powers by revealing to him that the latter is thinking about his promotion.

- Q.16 Who is Mr. Spelding? OR (1 Time)**
What is the role of Mr. Spelding in the play? OR (1 Time)
Write a note on Mr. Spelding. (1 Time)

Middle-Aged, Flattering Newscaster

Answer. Mr. Spelding is a newscaster. He is middle-aged, flattering and resonant. He feels disheartened that his own wife and daughter don't listen to his broadcast while millions of people are his fans. He is an ambitious man. He succeeds in getting information about the true purpose of Kreton's visit to the earth.

- Q.17 What does it mean, "Close to the warm pulsebeat of the nation"? (1 Time)**

Close to the Aspirations of the Nation

Answer. Close to the warm pulsebeat of the nation means to be very close to the feelings and sentiments of the nation. It means to be near to the hopes and aspirations of the nation. It is an expression of love and dedication to somebody.

- Q.18 What is mass hysteria? (1 Time)**

Hyperactive Emotional State

Answer. Mass hysteria refers to an outbreak of unusual and uncharacteristic behaviors, thoughts and feelings. It is a hyperactive emotional state that affects a large number of people at the same time. Spelding calls the flying object an optical illusion or mass hysteria.

- Q.19 Why does General Powers think that Kreton is a spy? OR (1 Time)**
What does General Powers accuse Kreton of? (1 Time)

A Spy Sent by an Alien Race

Answer. General Powers thinks that Kreton is a spy. It is typical of human beings to consider every outsider or foreigner a threat, which is known as xenophobia. He thinks that Kreton has come on the Earth as a secret agent before invasion.

- Q.20 Does General Powers allow Spelding to ask Kreton a few questions and why? OR (1 Time)**
Why does General Powers allow Spelding to interview Kreton? (1 Time)

Powers Allows Spelding to Ask a Few Questions

Answer. Yes, General Powers allows Spelding to ask Kreton a few questions. He allows him to interview Kreton because he wants to get information about the alien's arrival on the Earth. He hopes that Spelding will do better and perhaps will be able to obtain some important information.

- Q.21 Describe the kind of uniform Kreton liked? (1 Time)**

Uniform made of Metal

Answer. Kreton liked the old uniform that was made of metal. Such a uniform with feathers on it was worn 5000 years ago. The uniform made of metal was used in the wars when people fought with swords and arrows. It was called armor.

Q.22 What is Kreton's view about human minds? (1 Time)

Uncontrollable Thoughts

Answer. Kreton's view about human minds is that human beings cannot control their thoughts. Kreton feels giddy and wonders how the Earth people can move from one thought to another.

Q.23 What is not very flattering according to Spelding? OR (1 Time)

What are Spelding's views about an ungrateful child? OR (1 Time)

Why does Mr. Spelding call his daughter Miss Know-it-all? (1 Time)

Ungrateful Child

Answer. Mr. Spelding says that it is not very flattering when millions of people are his fans, but his own daughter does not give any value to his broadcast. He says that an ungrateful child is more thankless than a serpent's tooth. He calls his daughter Miss Know-it-all because she is always correcting his quotations.

Q.24 Compare the character of General Powers and Kreton? (1 Time)

Two Entirely Different Characters

Answer. General Powers and Kreton are entirely two different characters. General Powers speaks to Kreton rudely and indecently. He calls him a joker, and threatens him with serious consequences. Kreton is very polite, gentle and well-mannered. He answers all questions of General Powers politely and good-humoredly.

Q.25 How many characters are there in the play, A Visit to a Small Planet? Names to be written. (1 Time)

Seven Main Characters

Answer. There are seven main characters in the play, A Visit to a Small Planet: Kreton, an alien visitor; Roger Spelding, a newscaster; Mrs. Spelding, a housewife; Ellen, Spelding's daughter; John, Ellen's fiancé; General Powers and AIDE.

Q.26 What does Kreton say about Powers, thinking for the second time? (1 Time)

Powers is Thinking about His Promotion

Answer. When Powers thinks for the second time and asks Kreton to read his mind, Kreton says that Powers is thinking about his promotion. Kreton says that Powers is pinning three silver stars on his shoulder, instead of the two stars he wears now.

Q.27 How did Kreton secure his spaceship? OR (1 Time)

Why couldn't General Powers smash Kreton's ship? (1 Time)

By Creating an Invisible Wall

Answer. Kreton secured his spaceship by creating an invisible wall around it when General Powers decided to take his spaceship apart. Kreton protected his spaceship by creating a force field around it. So, General Powers could not smash Kreton's ship.

- Q.28 What are Kreton's views about earth people? OR (1 Time)**
What does Kreton think of the emotions of earthly people? (1 Time)

Earth People Live a Primitive Life

Answer. Kreton's views about earth people are as follows:

Earth people are still living a primitive life. Their civilization is just beginning. They have their primitive traits like fears, prides and prejudices. Kreton finds earth people and their engagements quite interesting, charming and even intoxicating.

- Q.29 What did Kreton mean by "Wicked Children"? (1 Time)**

Naughty Children Want to Cause Harm

Answer. By "wicked children", Kreton means naughty children who want to cause harm to him. When General Powers and his AIDE try to grab Kreton, they stop stunned within a foot of him. Kreton says that they cannot touch him. He protects himself by creating an invisible wall around him.

- Q.30 Why has Kreton called human beings "poor fragile butterflies"? (1 Time)**

Human Beings Weak and Vulnerable

Answer. Kreton called human beings "poor fragile butterflies" because human beings are weak and vulnerable as compared to Kreton. Kreton says that he and his people do not die, but human beings do die and also fall ill.

- Q.31 What type of play is "A Visit to a Small Planet"? (1 Time)**

Science Fiction Comedy

Answer. The play 'A Visit to a Small Planet' is a science fiction comedy. It contains all elements of adventure, suspense and thrill. It is a beautiful combination of sheer entertainment and a thought-provoking comment on American culture.

- Q.32 What was the official view about the flying object? (1 Time)**
What were the rumors about the flying object? (1 Time)

Nothing More than a Meteor

Answer. The official view about the flying object was that it was nothing more than a meteor passing through the earth's orbit. There were rumors that it was either a secret weapon of America or a spaceship. Spelding rejected all his rumors and said that they were all irresponsible suppositions.

- Q.33 Why does General Powers consider Kreton a joker? OR (1 Time)**
Why does Powers consider Kreton a joker? (1 Time)

Kreton Wearing Old-Fashioned Clothes

Answer. General Powers considers Kreton a joker because Kreton is wearing old-fashioned clothes. General Powers taunts Kreton and asks him if he is dressed up for a fancy-dress party. Kreton also admits that he is wearing wrong costume for the country and the time.

Q.34 Whose phone call does General Powers receive during the course of his interview with Kreton? (1 Time)

A Phone Call of the Chief of Staff

Answer. General Powers receives a phone call of the Chief of Staff during the course of his interview with Kreton. He assures the Chief that he will hold Kreton there and has put the house under martial law. He also tells him that Spelding will not leak the information.

Q.35 Where was Mr. Spelding's home located? (1 Time)

Silver Glen, Maryland, America

Answer. Mr. Spelding's home is located in Silver Glen, Maryland, America. He lives in a farmhouse and broadcasts weekly news from here. Every time he winds up the news, he says good night to his listeners from his old homestead.

Q.36 What does Spelding ask Powers to have first? (1 Time)

To Let Him Break the News

Answer. Spelding asks Powers to let him break the news about the alien's arrival on the earth. Spelding hopes that he will be the one to get the story first. General Powers, however, puts complete censorship on any news. He also puts Spelding's house under martial law.

Q.37 What happened after the landing of the flying object? (1 Time)

A Man Gets out of the Spaceship

Answer. When the flying object lands in Spelding's house, John runs off towards it. Spelding contacts General Powers and announces that he is coming over. He adds that the flying object is from outer space. Then a man gets out of the spaceship.

Q.38 Why does John think that Kreton might be English? (1 Time)

His Accent Sounds Like English

Answer. John thinks that Kreton might be English because his accent sounds like English. When John says that Kreton sounds more English than an American, Kreton asks him if his accent is very bad.

Q.39 What does General Powers say to AIDE? (1 Time)

To Go and Examine The Spaceship

Answer. General Powers says to AIDE to go and examine the spaceship. He asks him to be careful and not to touch anything. He also orders him not to let anybody near it. He wants him to describe what the flying object is like.

Q.40 What did General Powers say about the life on other planets? (1 Time)

Hostile Creatures on Other Planets

Answer. General Powers said that hostile creatures were living on other planets. He said that Kreton had been sent to the earth by some hostile race for the clear purpose of survey before attack.

Q.41 What is Roger Spelding doing when the play starts? (1 Time)

Winding up another Week of News

Answer. Roger Spelding is winding up another week of news when the play start. He is concluding the story, saying that the flying object is nothing more than a meteor passing through the earth's orbit.

MCQS TEXTBOOK EXERCISE

1. **Who is Roger Spelding?** (8 Times)

(a) a general	(b) a soldier
(c) a newscaster	(d) a technician
2. **John is a _____.** (3 Times)

(a) merchant	(b) farm owner
(c) pilot	(d) professor
3. **Where did the spaceship land?** (1 Time)

(a) on the roof of a building	(b) in the fields
(c) on a hill	(d) in the rose garden of Mrs. Spelding
4. **Ellen listened to the broadcast of her _____.** (4 Times)

(a) daddy	(b) Fiancé
(c) mother	(d) Kreton
5. **The visitor was dressed in the fashion of _____.** (8 Times)

(a) 1960	(b) 1860
(c) 1900	(d) 1850
6. **What is the impression of Kreton on seeing the inside of the house?** (6 Times)

(a) disgusted	(b) delightful
(c) callous	(d) sorrowful
7. **"I do hope I don't sound patronizing" means that I am _____.**

(a) not praising	(b) encouraging
(c) discouraging	(d) not appreciating
8. **How many years are required to tell the story of travel?** (2 Times)

(a) one hundred	(b) two hundred
(c) five hundred	(d) seven hundred
9. **The house of Spelding comes under the _____.** (5 Times)

(a) civil law	(b) criminal law
(c) company law	(d) martial law
10. **General Powers was thinking about _____.** (7 Times)

(a) his promotion	(b) security of the country
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(c) arrest of Kreton

(d) murder of the visitor

ANSWER KEY

1.	C	2.	B	3.	D	4.	A	5.	1	6.	B	7.	B	8.	C	9.	D	10.	A
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MCQs FROM PAST PAPERS

1. **Who calls Kreton a joker?** (3 Times)
 - (a) John
 - (b) Allen
 - (c) General Powers
 - (d) Spelding
2. **Who is John?** (3 Times)
 - (a) player
 - (b) farm owner
 - (c) soldier
 - (d) artist
3. **What does John grow?** (3 Times)
 - (a) walnuts
 - (b) peanuts
 - (c) monkey nuts
 - (d) coconuts
4. **General Powers is a vigorous product of the _____.** (2 Times)
 - (a) National Guard
 - (b) Navy
 - (c) Army
 - (d) Air force
5. **What is the age of Ellen?** (2 Times)
 - (a) 16 years
 - (b) 20 years
 - (c) 23 years
 - (d) 24 years
6. **Ellen's age is:** (1 Time)
 - (a) twenty years
 - (b) twenty-two years
 - (c) twenty-five years
 - (d) thirty years
7. **What is inside the spaceship?** (2 Times)
 - (a) food
 - (b) nothing
 - (c) water
 - (d) wires
8. **What could Kreton hear?** (2 Times)
 - (a) heart beat
 - (b) traffic noise
 - (c) human brain
 - (d) fairies
9. **Spelding says that his daughter is:** (2 Times)
 - (a) ungrateful
 - (b) intelligent
 - (c) obedient
 - (d) beautiful
10. **The spaceship was:** (2 Times)
 - (a) oval
 - (b) round
 - (c) elliptical
 - (d) square
11. **Kreton says that men are poor _____.** (1 Time)
 - (a) creatures
 - (b) people
 - (c) beggars
 - (d) fragile butterflies
12. **What does Kreton twirl?** (1 Time)
 - (a) a top
 - (b) the globe
 - (c) his arms
 - (d) a stick
13. **Kreton is in his _____.** (1 Time)
 - (a) forties
 - (b) fifties
 - (c) thirties
 - (d) twenties

14. **Where does the space-ship land?** (1 Time)
 (a) on the top of a tree (b) on the roof of a house
 (c) on the top of a hill (d) in rose garden
15. **How does Kreton feel when he reads human brain?** (1 Time)
 (a) happy (b) interested
 (c) giddy (d) sad
16. **Where is Spelding's house situated?** (1 Time)
 (a) Maryland (b) joy land
 (c) Ice land (d) Holland
17. **What was the hobby of Kreton?** (1 Time)
 (a) gardening (b) driving
 (c) writing (d) wandering
18. **What is the diameter of the spaceship in "Visit to a Small Planet"?** (1 Time)
 (a) 12 foot (b) 13 foot
 (c) 14 foot (d) 15 foot
19. **After marriage, Ellen wants to live:** (1 Time)
 (a) in a village (b) in the city
 (c) on the farm (d) abroad
20. **Where did Kreton belong to?** (1 Time)
 (a) Earth (b) Moon
 (c) Mars (d) from some other planet
21. **General Powers takes Kreton as a:** (1 Time)
 (a) spy (b) soldier
 (c) villain (d) lawyer
22. **What is the flying object according to Spelding?** (1 Time)
 (a) a kite (b) a star
 (c) a meteor (d) a spaceship
23. **What does Powers think about Kreton?** (1 Time)
 (a) He is a joker. (b) He is a doctor.
 (c) He is a lazy person. (d) He has come preparatory to invasion.
24. **Kreton claims that he speaks _____.** (1 Time)
 (a) only English language (b) all languages
 (c) only French (d) English and French languages
25. **How many moons does the Earth have according to Kreton?** (1 Time)
 (a) 4 (b) 3
 (c) 2 (d) 1
26. **Spelding was against Ellen's marriage with John because he had no ____.** (1 Time)
 (a) get-up-and-go (b) interest in business
 (c) land (d) money
27. **What does Mrs. Spelding say about John?** (1 Time)
 (a) immature (b) a lazy boy
 (c) a nice boy (d) a rascal
28. **Ellen was _____ at the arrival of Kreton.** (1 Time)
 (a) bored (b) excited
 (c) fearful (d) indifferent
29. **Ellen is a _____.** (1 Time)
 (a) lively mother (b) serious minded wife
 (c) lively girl of twenty (d) angry young lady

30. **Kreton is from:** (1 Time)
 (a) Mars (b) Maryland
 (c) an unknown planet (d) Jupiter
31. **Where does Spelding live?** (1 Time)
 (a) Washington (b) California
 (c) Alaska (d) Maryland
32. **What is John's profession?** (1 Time)
 (a) trading (b) farming
 (c) broadcasting (d) shoe making
33. **What is Spelding's wife doing?** (1 Time)
 (a) talking (b) knitting
 (c) dancing (d) making tent
34. **John lacked:** (1 Time)
 (a) education (b) get-up-and-go
 (c) wisdom (d) wealth
35. **What is the endearing primitive trait of the Earth people?** (1 Time)
 (a) friendship (b) enmity
 (c) prejudice (d) pride
36. **The people on the Earth have _____ minds.** (1 Time)
 (a) advanced (b) developed
 (c) scientific (d) primitive
37. **Kreton calls the human beings?** (1 Time)
 (a) naughty children (b) foolish children
 (c) wicked fools (d) wicked children

ANSWER KEY

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
C	B	A	A	B	A	B	C	A	C	D	B	A
14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
D	C	A	D	C	C	D	A	C	D	B	D	A
27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	32.	33.	34.	35.	36.	37.		
C	B	C	C	D	B	B	B	D	D	D		

MORE MCQS FOR PRACTICE

1. **What is Spelding concluding?**
 (a) his chat (c) his broadcast
 (b) his speculation (d) his mission
2. **Who takes Kreton either as a lunatic or a spy?**
 (a) Spelding (c) General Powers
 (b) Ellen (d) John
3. **Ellen wants to live on a farm after _____?**
 (a) engagement (c) marriage
 (b) migration (d) graduation
4. **What does Spelding call Ellen?**
 (a) know-it-all (c) idle
 (b) sensitive (d) lazy
5. **Whom should Ellen marry according to Spelding?**

- (a) a journalist (c) a farmer
(b) a reliable man (d) an ambitious man
6. **Who brings the news of the landing of the spaceship?**
(a) Ellen (c) General Powers
(b) Technicians (d) John
7. **Who says that they should go down to the cellar?**
(a) Mr. Spelding (c) Mrs. Spelding
(b) Ellen (d) John
8. **How does the spaceship look?**
(a) burning (c) shining
(b) dull (d) invisible
9. **How does Kreton look?**
(a) harsh (c) pleasant
(b) rough (d) ignorant
10. **What is Kreton's hobby?**
(a) to study the Earth people (c) to reconnoiter before invasion
(b) to travel long distances (d) to read novels
11. **Whom could Kreton tell about his solar system?**
(a) a chemist (c) a mathematician
(b) an optician (d) an engineer
12. **Who says that Kreton is a hostile alien?**
(a) General Powers (c) the President
(b) Spelding (d) Ellen
13. **Kreton's spaceship is made of _____.**
(a) an unknown metal (c) silver
(b) a precious metal (d) steel
14. **Whom does Spelding call when the spaceship lands in his house?**
(a) his boss (c) the president
(b) his wife (d) the army
15. **The author of "Visit to a Small Planet" is _____.**
(a) Robert F. Carrol (c) William Saroyan
(b) Gore Vidal (d) Tennessee Williams

ANSWER KEY

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
C	C	C	A	D	L	C	C	C	A	C	A	A	D	B

SYNONYMS FROM PAST PAPERS

1. **Kreton says his visit is impromptu. (7 Times)**
 (a) spontaneous (b) planned (c) systematic (d) ordinary
 (a) important (b) essential (c) pre-designed (d) unprepared
 (a) rapid (b) planned (c) without preparation (d) undecided
 (a) decided (b) essential (c) pre-designed (d) unprepared

2. **Kreton says that he loves to goad about.** (6 Times)
 (a) hunt (b) shoot (c) goad (d) wander
3. **Slowly a luminous object arcs in view.** (6 Times)
 (a) huge (b) bright (c) burning (d) twinkling
4. **Kreton asked powers not to wreck his ship.** (6 Times)
 (a) decorate (b) destroy (c) furnish (d) occupy
5. **Spelding nods wearily.** (6 Times)
 (a) happily (b) heartily (c) tiredly (d) sadly
 (a) angrily (b) hastily (c) excitedly (d) tiredly
 (a) happily (b) heartily (c) tiredly (d) delightedly
6. **Roger Spelding is concluding his T.V. broadcast.** (5 Times)
 (a) starting (b) finding (c) announcing (d) ending
7. **Poor fragile butterflies.** (5 Times)
 (a) ugly (b) colourful (c) delicate (d) flying
8. **That's one of your most primitive traits.** (4 Times)
 (a) basic (b) prominent (c) premature (d) distinctive
 (a) civilized (b) modern (c) old (d) strange
 (a) attractive (b) pleasant (c) rough (d) crude
9. **Is he an impostor?** (4 Times)
 (a) writer (b) athlete (c) impersonator (d) artist
10. **Kreton wore trifle old fashioned dress.** (4 Times)
 (a) large (b) short (c) smart (d) slightly
11. **Daddy will be deliriously happy.** (4 Times)
 (a) wildly (b) vaguely (c) curiously (d) politely
 (a) excitedly (b) clumsily (c) oddly (d) politely
 (a) extremely (b) mildly (c) feebly (d) rapidly
12. **Are you deliberately trying to confuse me?** (4 Times)
 (a) delightedly (b) dramatically (c) only (d) intentionally
13. **Nor it is a spaceship as certain lunatic elements have suggested.** (3 Times)
 (a) large (b) low (c) mad (d) sad
14. **You are a spy or hostile alien.** (3 Times)
 (a) friend (b) guest (c) foreigner (d) scholar
15. **He twirls the globe thoughtfully.** (3 Times)
 (a) colours (b) picks (c) throws (d) turns

16. Mr. Spelding looks unctuous. (3 Times)
 (a) kingly (b) flatterer (c) cruel (d) wild
17. They think Kreton a monster first. (3 Times)
 (a) droll (b) intellectual (c) ghost (d) scholar
18. The flying object has given rise to so much conjecture. (3 Times)
 (a) guess (b) problem (c) trouble (d) basis
 (a) guess (b) goal (c) confirming (d) chatting
 (a) statement (b) guess (c) research (d) lecture
19. Powers said that Kreton's visit was preparatory to invasion. (2 Times)
 (a) force (b) attack (c) success (d) division
20. None of my people would dream of invading you. (2 Times)
 (a) attacking (b) challenging (c) following (d) warning
21. Mrs. Spelding looks bored and vague. (2 Times)
 (a) bold (b) timid (c) sharp (d) brainless
22. You simply seethe with unlikely emotions. (2 Times)
 (a) freeze (b) boil (c) faint (d) avoid
23. It's going to hit the house. (2 Times)
 (a) collide (b) pass (c) smooth (d) revolve
24. The horror of it has always eluded me. (2 Times)
 (a) escaped (b) fascinated (c) relieved (d) dominated
25. Ellen fidgets as she listens. (2 Times)
 (a) looks nervous (b) cries (c) laughs (d) weeps
26. Will, its elliptical. (2 Times)
 (a) round (b) square (c) lengthy (d) oval
27. It's elliptical with a fourteen-foot diameter. (1 Time)
 (a) ugly (b) avoid (c) oval shaped (d) beautiful
28. You are only in the initial stages. (2 Times)
 (a) difficult (b) easy (c) important (d) first
29. I have never felt so sordid. (2 Times)
 (a) mean (b) happy (c) healthy (d) weak
30. He is middle aged, unctuous, resonant. (1 Time)
 (a) thick voiced (b) clear voiced (c) chirpy voiced (d) bad voiced

31. **Kreton asks if anything to oblige.** (1 Time)
 (a) fight with (b) demolish (c) erect (d) serve
32. **Is my accent very bad?** (1 Time)
 (a) wealth (b) fame (c) pronunciation (d) color
33. **I merely reason in my simple way.** (1 Time)
 (a) tease (b) sleep (c) argue (d) vanish
34. **This is the wrong costume.** (1 Time)
 (a) form (b) side (c) language (d) dress
35. **This is the wrong costume, isn't it?** (1 Time)
 (a) suggestion (b) cosmetic (c) dress (d) building
36. **The flying object seems to dissolve to the living room of Spelding's house.** (1 Time)
 (a) vanish (b) decorate (c) embellish (d) furnish
37. **But really awfully handsome.** (1 Time)
 (a) slightly (b) scarcely (c) very (d) mildly
38. **AIDE: You're also forbidden to leave this house without permission.** (1 Time)
 (a) advised (b) asked (c) allowed (d) prohibited
39. **Spelding: Whatever the exact quotation is, I stand by the sentiment.** (1 Time)
 (a) meaning (b) attitude (c) emotion (d) opinion
40. **Powers snarls and goes into study.** (1 Time)
 (a) shouts (b) gnashed (c) cries (d) sneezes
41. **Powers snarls and goes out.** (1 Time)
 (a) growls (b) smiles (c) laughs (d) stares
42. **You sound more English.** (1 Time)
 (a) feel (b) seem (c) try (d) deserve
43. **I have a hunch we are in trouble.** (1 Time)
 (a) sofa (b) action (c) feeling (d) game
44. **As a matter of fact, it makes me a bit giddy.** (1 Time)
 (a) excited (b) intelligent (c) keen (d) dizzy
45. **He looks perfectly nice to me.** (1 Time)
 (a) mildly (b) superbly (c) slightly (d) badly
46. **Kreton says: "I had to learn them all, quite exhausting".** (1 Time)
 (a) freshening (b) tiring (c) interesting (d) exciting

47. I **realize** the importance of it. (1 Time)
 (a) learn (b) teach (c) preach (d) perceive
48. Kreton says that he **picks up** things. (1 Time)
 (a) refutes (b) derives (c) denies (d) eats up
49. This is Roger Spelding, from my old **homestead** in Silver Glen. (1 Time)
 (a) garden (b) farmhouse (c) dairy-farm (d) fish-farm
50. I don't suppose you'd **consent** to my interviewing you on TV? (1 Time)
 (a) convince (b) agree (c) respond (d) like
51. His wife, bored and vague, knits **passively**. (1 Time)
 (a) actively (b) tiredly (c) easily (d) quietly
52. It's not **flattering** when one own daughter won't listen. (1 Time)
 (a) commenting (b) pleasing (c) admiring (d) interesting
53. Ellen is a **lively** girl. (1 Time)
 (a) energetic (b) dull (c) vague (d) fat
54. **Civilization** is only just beginning. (1 Time)
 (a) culture (b) war (c) research (d) dress
55. Mr. Spelding crosses to **pose** with his wife and daughter. (1 Time)
 (a) impress (b) hate (c) argue (d) fight
56. I am here to **intoxicate** myself with your primitive minds. (1 Time)
 (a) feel drunk (b) to research (c) to visit (d) to enjoy
57. Kreton says that he is a creature of **impulse**. (1 Time)
 (a) discipline (b) the earth (c) the mars (d) whim
58. He **pauses** when he sees the three people. (1 Time)
 (a) delays (b) stops (c) runs (d) plays
59. You'd be surprised what a **thorough** study I've made. (1 Time)
 (a) complete (b) easy (c) quick (d) agile
60. Mr. Spelding returned **wide-eyed**. (1 Time)
 (a) disappointed (b) blinded (c) astonished (d) sour eyed
61. Mr. Spelding says that the flying object is an optical **illusion**. (1 Time)
 (a) allusion (b) false appearance (c) saying (d) story

ANSWER KEY

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
A/D/ C/D	D	B	B	C/D /C	D	C	A/C /D	C	D	A/A /A	D	C	C	D	B
17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	32.

C	A/A /B	B	A	D	B	A	A	A	D	C	D	A	C	D	C
33.	34.	35.	36.	37.	38.	39.	40.	41.	42.	43.	44.	45.	46.	47.	48.
C	D	C	A	C	D	C	A	A	B	C	D	F	B	D	B
49.	50.	51.	52.	53.	54.	55.	56.	57.	58.	59.	60.	61.			
B	B	D	C	A	A	A	A	D	F	A	C	B			

MORE SYNONYMS FOR PRACTICE

- Mr. Spelding says that John has no get-up-and-go.**
 - money
 - wisdom
 - health
 - ambition
- The horror of marrying a wealthy man always eludes him.**
 - avoids
 - whips
 - charms
 - rewards
- The authorities are torn by doubts about Kreton.**
 - worried
 - delighted
 - encouraged
 - silenced
- Kreton hopes that he does not sound patronizing.**
 - low
 - humble
 - mean
 - superior
- Powers asks Kreton if he is a spy or a hostile alien.**
 - human
 - secret agent
 - impostor
 - soldier
- Powers said that Kreton was reconnoitering preparatory to invasion.**
 - prior to
 - during
 - beside
 - afterward
- The earth people have an assumption that all strangers are hostile.**
 - illusion
 - meditation
 - gathering
 - supposition
- Kreton says that pride is a primitive trait of earth people.**
 - skill
 - view
 - quality
 - celebrity
- Kreton says that his people do not intend to dominate the earth.**
 - swirl
 - develop
 - inhabit
 - control
- Of course my friends think me perverse.**
 - irrational
 - backward
 - submissive
 - advanced
- Ellen thinks that it would be divine in outer space.**
 - devilish
 - dull
 - lovely
 - rough
- The earth people have savage thoughts.**
 - just
 - wild
 - neutral
 - beautiful
- Spelding is a T.V commentator.**
 - anchor
 - cameraman
 - technician
 - mechanic
- His mechanical smile and heartiness suddenly gone.**

- (a) generosity (c) liveliness
(b) resonance (d) lethargy
15. **More deadly than a serpent's tooth is an ungrateful child.**
(a) disobedient (c) unruly
(b) thankless (d) spoilt
16. **Whatever the exact quotation is, I stand by the sentiment.**
(a) emotion (c) reality
(b) situation (d) proposition
17. **It's an optical illusion... mass hysteria.**
(a) curiosity (c) madness
(b) wisdom (d) speculation
18. **I'm sure this is all some kind of publicity stunt.**
(a) shock (c) campaign
(b) measurement (d) trick
19. **You are only in the most fascinating stages.**
(a) early (c) advanced
(b) charming (d) confusing
20. **Powers, a vigorous product of the National Guard, enters.**
(a) new (c) ambitious
(b) frail (d) strong
21. **The place is surrounded by troops.**
(a) soldiers (c) secret agents
(b) gods (d) investigators
22. **We are afraid that you represent a hostile race.**
(a) unfriendly (c) ancient
(b) submissive (d) competent
23. **Kreton was sent for the purpose of a reconnoitering.**
(a) preparing (c) dominating
(b) surveying (d) communicating
24. **Kreton was sent for a reconnoitering prior to invasion.**
(a) before (c) after
(b) in addition to (d) during
25. **Close to the warm pulsebeat of the nation.**
(a) nerve cell (c) eye view
(b) heartbeat (d) brain wave
26. **He has every virtue.**
(a) dream (c) quality
(b) beauty (d) fun
27. **Of course, I did, Daddy.**
(a) nervously (c) probably
(b) certainly (d) calmly
28. **Powers: (To AIDE) Crab hin!**
(a) grip (c) let
(b) leave (d) help
29. **And now, good night, dear, wicked children...**
(a) impulsive (c) instinctive
(b) ambiguous (d) mischievous
30. **Powers gestures a warning.**
(a) indicates (c) repels
(b) suppresses (d) stifles

ANSWER KEY

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
D	A	A	D	B	A	D	C	D	A	C	B	A	C	B
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
A	C	D	B	D	A	A	B	A	B	C	B	A	B	A