

REVISED TOKEN TEST IN KANNADA

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Abstract

Aphasia is a many faceted problem as the complexity of the problem accounts for the diversity of approaches among investigators from various specialities. It has been defined differently and classified differently. But most of them agree upon the facts that aphasia is a language disorder due to brain damage. Likewise there are many tests to test aphasia. But objections have always been made to these tests. It has been frequently reported that aphasic responses are inconsistent and so test results are not reliable. Criticisms have been levelled against plus—minus scoring system and quantification of data. Some clinicians consider that the test procedures are traumatic to patients. The most frequent complaint is that comprehensive testing is economically unfeasible because it requires too much time.

, Schuell (1968) feels that testing can be a therapeutic rather than traumatic procedure. As a result of testing patient feels less isolated and less anxious. By means of tests examiner leads the patient toward objectivity by helping them to understand the nature of problems and their limits. Further tests will be useful in evaluating the conditions of cases and the therapy procedures. Therefore, testing aphasics is essential.

Since 1926 several aphasia tests have been proposed to test aphasics. Few of them like Schuell (1964), MTDDA, PICA by Porch, 1971, Western Aphasia Battery-Kertesz 1979, are widely in use. Most of the tests available try to test the expressive ability of aphasics. To test the subtle receptive deficits DeRenzi and Vignolo (1962) proposed Token Test. Token test has been the subject of the study in Germany (Orgass and Porck, 1966, 1969, Porck, Kerschensteiner, and Hartje, 1972, Porck, Organs, Kerschensteiner and Hartje, 1974; Hartje *et al.* 1973; Sipos and Tagert, 1972; Orgass, 1975; Tagret *et al.* 1975), in England (Lesser R. 1974), in U.S.A. (Swisher and Sarno, 1969) in Romania (Kriendler, Gheorghira and Voirescu, 1971) in Finland (Vilkki and Laitanen, 1974), and in Italy (Boiler and Pansi and Pizzimiglio, 1970; Pizzimiglio and Appicciafuoco, 1971).

Ever since 1962, many modifications have been tried for the Token Test, (Boiler, F. and Vignolo, 1966; Spreen and Burton 1969; Noll and Berry, 1969; Noll, 1970; Noll and Lan, 1972; DeRenzi 1975; Martino *et al.*, 1976; Berry, 1976; Mack and Boiler, 1978; McNeil and Prescott, 1978).

In 1978, McNeil and Prescott gave their revised version of token test and called it as 'Revised token test.' But as it was found difficult to identify shapes in all aphasics Martino *et al.* (1976), used objects instead of shapes in their version

of Token Test. They correlated this test with many other comprehension tests and found that the concrete object form of Token Test was equally discriminative. As these two tests were simple and as R.T.T was standardized, present study was done based on the concepts of these two tests.

To select the test materials, 100 young adults, with Kannada as mother tongue were asked to give names of 5 objects which were familiar to children and adults of rural and urban areas. Another criteria was that these objects should be such that they can be represented in 2 primary colours and sizes. Depending on the frequency of occurrence these materials were selected.

The present test is developed in Kannada language. It consists of 5 objects (flower, pencil, bangle, comb and tumbler). Two sizes (big and small) and 2 colours (red and yellow). The test is made up of 10 sub-tests and 10 commands in each subject. Here to understand a command subject has to follow each word unit in the command. Presence of one word will not give any clue about other word. E.g. if the subject follows the word ' comb ' still he does not give him any clue whether he should touch red or yellow comb, big or small comb. Multi-dimension scoring system of R.T.T. (McNeil and Prescott, 1978) is made use of.

Only big objects are arranged for sub-tests I, III, V, VII, IX and all subjects are needed for II, IV, VI, VIII, and X, sub-tests. The objects are placed on the table in front of the subject in 4 rows with a distance of approximately 4 inches between rows and 4 inches distance between objects. Commands are given verbally. Object arrangements are as shown in the Fig. 1 and 2.

The description of sub-tests are given below.

The description of multidimensional scoring system of R.T.T. (McNeil and Prescott, 1978), used in this test is given below. The scores are entered in the score sheet.

The test was administered to 100 subjects 52 children (I std. to IV std. age range 5- 9 years). 37 adults, and 11 brain damaged cases (with and without aphasia).

The following table gives the details of subjects:

TABLE A

Subject	Age		Sex distribution		Total
	Range	Mean	M	F	
Group I	5-6	5.5	8	5	13
	6-7	6.5	8	5	13
	7-8	7.5	8	5	13
	8-9	8.5	8	5	13
Group II	20-60	40	19	18	37
Group III	15-50	32.5	7	4	11

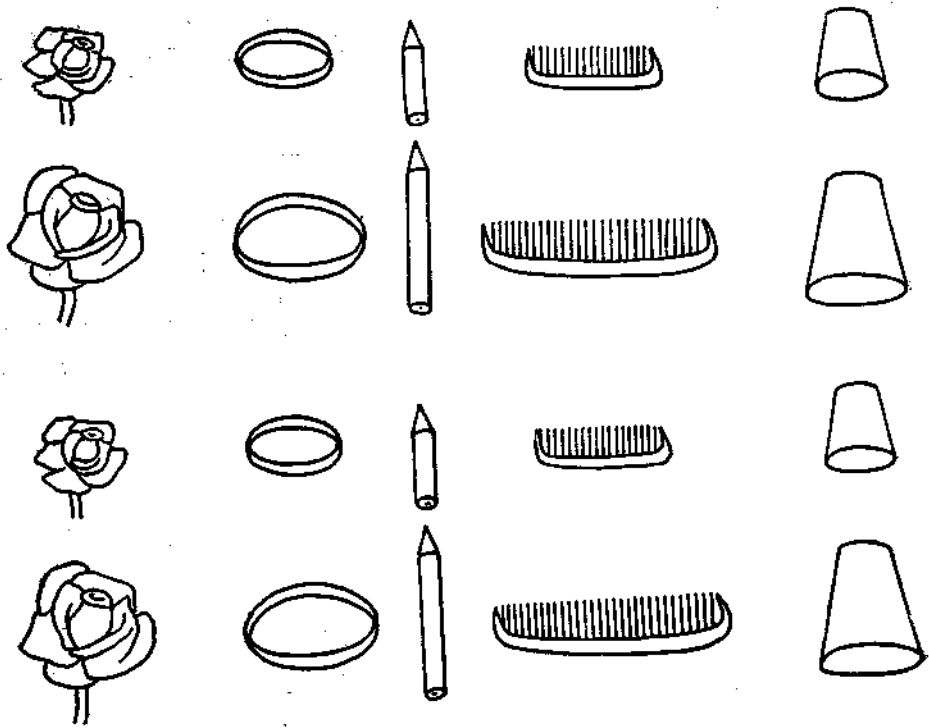


FIG. 1

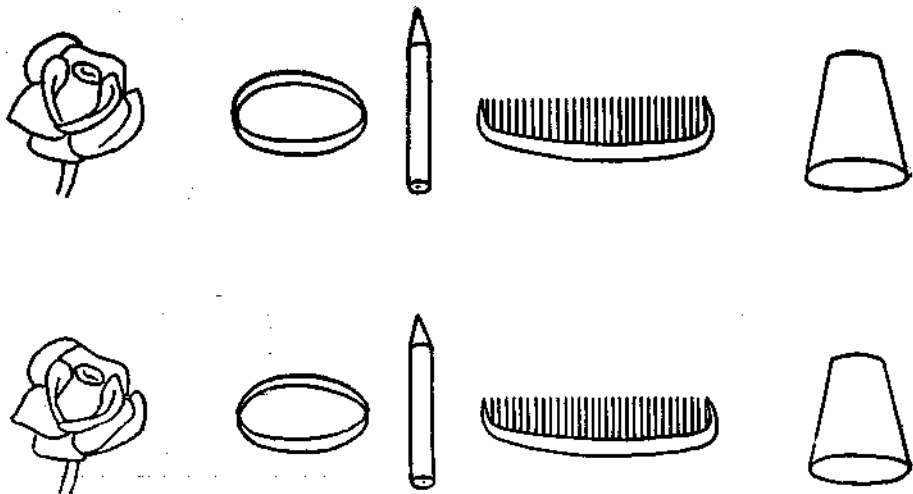
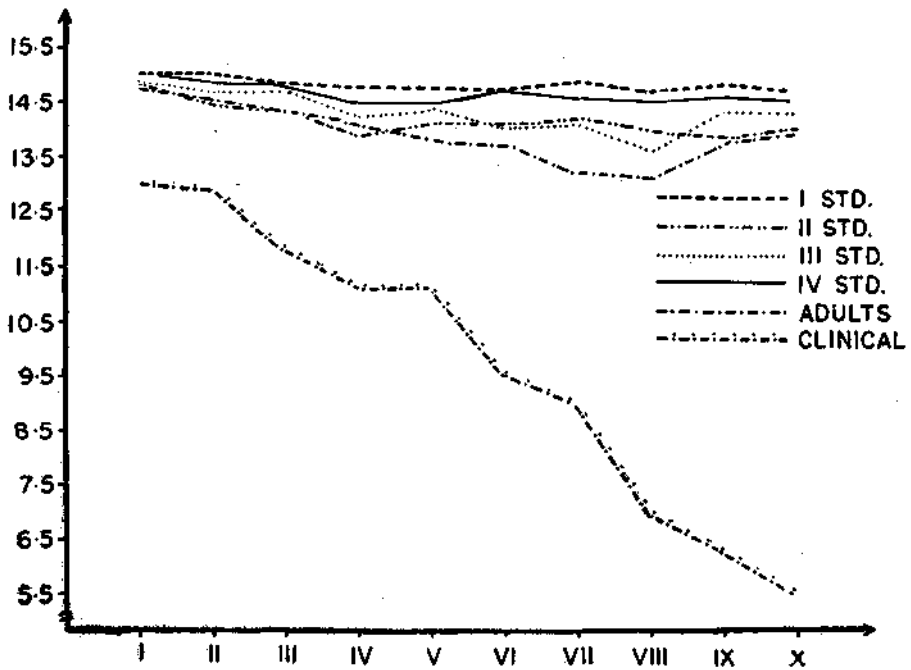
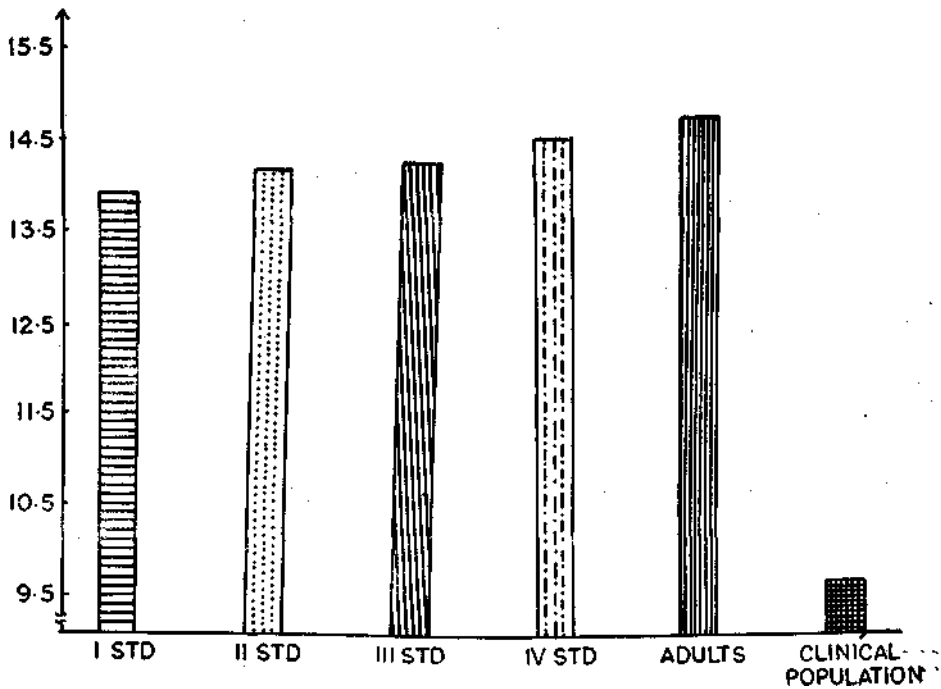


FIG. 2

Graph showing comparison of performance of subjects on sub-tests



Graph showing comparison of means



The following table shows the mean and S.D. scores, subjects obtained on this test:

TABLE B showing means and S.D. scores of subjects

The results were analysed.	I Std.	II Std.	III Std.	IV Std.	Adults	Clinical population
Mean	13.94	14.22	14.32	14.65	14.80	9.7
S.D.	0.55	0.49	0.24	0.19	0.17	2.7

1. To find out the performance of males and females in each group.
2. To determine the sensitivity of the test to determine the various levels of comprehension; in other words, ability of the test to identify the comprehension levels in different age groups,
3. To find out its ability to distinguish normal population from clinical population.
4. To find out the ability of the test to differentiate between brain damaged cases with language deficit and brain damaged case with no language deficit.

Performance of males and females

The results of the present study indicted that there is no difference between the sexes in terms of performance on this art or comprehension. *Ability of the test to identify the comprehension levels in, different age groups.*

For this purpose performance of each age group was compared with other groups.

TABLE C showing the comparison of performance of children and adults

	I Std.	II Std.	III std.	IV Std.	Adults
I Std.	—	Not significant KD=5	Significant LD=8	Significant KD=10	Significant P=, 00006
II Std.	—	—	Not Significant KD=, :i	Significant KD=7	Significant P=,00032
III Std.	—	—	—	Significant KD=9	Significant P=,0001
IV Std.	—	—	—	—	Significant p=,0001

Results indicated that there is no significant difference when I Standard was compared with II Std., but there is significant difference when it is compared with III Std., and IV Std., and adult group there is significant difference. The results showed that there is no significant difference between II Std., and III Std., but between II Std., and IV Std., and adult group there is significant difference. Performance of III Std., children differ significantly from IV Std., and adult group. Std., IV children differed significantly in their performance from adult group. The performance of these groups are represented in the graph. The study of the graph indicates that the scores are increasing gradually from I Std., to adults i.e., from Mean 13.94 to 14.80 and it was also found that variability decreases with age.

3. *Comparison of performance of clinical population (aphasics) and normals (adults and children):* The mean scores obtained by clinical population is 9.7 which is far lower than mean score of I Std., children (mean score is 13.94) and S.D. for clinical population was the greatest. So results showed that the clinical population i.e., aphasics differed significantly from normal population and that among clinical population receptive aphasics scored much lower (M=7.39) than expressive aphasics (M=12.18).

4. *Comparison of performance of brain damaged aphasics with brain damaged non-aphasics:* The brain damaged non-aphasic was diagnosed as 'cerebral dysarthria' with no language disturbance. This case obtained a mean score of 14.95 which is equivalent to mean scores of normal adults.

So the results of the present study indicates that—

1. There is no difference between performance of males and females. This is in support to the findings of: Berko, 1958, Templin, 1957, Winitz, 1959; O'Donnell, Griffin and Norris, 1967; Moore, 1967; Graves and Koziol, 1971; Cherry, 1975, Marotool, 1976; Fair Weather, 1976; Bliss and Allen, 1977; Wells, 1979; Prema, 1979, who say that there is no significant difference between boys and girls in language development.

2. The test was capable of identifying the level of comprehension in different age groups. This is in accordance with the studies of Orgass and Porck (1966), Wertz, Keith and Custer (1971,) Hartji *et al.* (1973); DeRenzi (1978); Lass, J.N. and Noll, D.J. (1978).

3. The test could identify comprehension disability due to brain damage. This is in agreement with the findings of Orgass and Porck, 1966; Swisher and Sarno, 1969; Van Dongen and Van Harskamp, 1972; Fusilier and Lass, 1973; Lass and Gorden, 1974; Cartwright and Lass 1974; Robb and Lass 1974; who found out the validity and reliability of the test. Thus the test has served its purpose.

4. The test differentiated receptive aphasics from non-aphasics. Same thing has been found with token Test and Revised Token Test (DeRenzi, 1978, Mc Neil and Prescott, 1978, and others). Thus the test has proved itself as capable of differentiating different types of aphasia.

5. The test isolated brain damaged non-aphasics. It has been reported by DeRenzi(1975, 1978), McNeil and Prescott, 1978, that Token Test and Revised Token Test differentiates brain damaged aphasics from non-aphasics. Thus the test is discriminative.

6. The test can be used to assess the level of comprehension development as it proved itself as capable of assessing the comprehension ability in children. Orgass and Porck, 1966; Wertz et al. , 1969; DeRenzi, 1975; Noll 1970; Noll and Lass 1972; Hohn and Weiss 1973; has also found that the Token Test is capable of assessing the levels of comprehension ability.

DeRenzi and Vignolo, 1962; Noll and Berry, 1969; Noll, 1970 has stated that a test of receptive damage should meet certain criteria :

- (a) It should specifically test for receptive language abilities and not intellectual or conceptual abilities.
- (b) It should contain various level of difficulty in order to discover subtle language disturbances without the use of obscure vocabulary and syntax.
- (c) It should not involve tasks or commands necessitating extensive memorization.
- (d) It should require a short period of time to administer.

The present test meets all the criteria stated by above. Thus the present test is capable of finding the levels of comprehension ability in adults, children and clinical population. It has also proved itself capable of discriminating various types of aphasics and aphasics from other brain damaged non-aphasics. Thus it has clinical utility.

PRE-TEST INSTUCTIONS

- 1 F mĒĀS`i ᵃĒĀĒ-Ē EI ŒĒĒĒĒĒĒ-ĀĒ KĒĒĒĒĒĒ UĒĒĒĒĒ? [Pointing at all objects]
- 2 AĒĒĒĒĒĒĒĒĒĒ SĒĒ ᵃĒĒĒĒĒĒĒĒ ?/AĒĒĒ? [If the subject does not do it or does the wrong task] say: EᵃĒᵃĒ SĒĒUĒĒĒ. F UĒ AĒĒĒĒĒĒĒĒĒ MĒĒĒ SĒĒĒĒ ᵃĒĒĒĒĒĒĒĒ/?/AĒĒĒ? [Like this the subjects were asked to touch all the objects one by one]
- 3 F UĒ EᵃĒĒĒĒĒᵃĒ ᵃĒĒĒĒĒĒ zĒĒĒĒĒĒ AĒĒĒĒĒĒ aĒĒĒĒĒ vĒĒĒj 1ŒĒĒ/?/AĒĒĒ? [Show big and small bangles or any objects] “aĒĒĒĒĒ vĒĒĒj 1/ĒĒ” “zĒĒĒĒĒĒ vĒĒĒj 1/ĒĒ.”

4. EzAgA° è 'PEAYAA' StU ANIA°ANZAA vE/EAj 1UAgA°/ANIA°?.

5. EzAgA° è '°AVAC StU ANIA°ANZAA vE/EAj 1UAgA°/ANIA°?.

If any part is not performed correctly, instructions are repeated. This is done to make sure that the subject is familiar with objects, colours and sizes.

Sub Test I

1. PEYA° AZAU° aAnO
2. PEYA° S¼E° aAnO
3. °AA° YEAI° aAnO
4. °AA° °A° aAnO
5. PEYA° -EAI° aAnO
6. PEYA° °A° aAnO
7. °AA° °AZAU°E° aAnO
8. °AA° -EAI° aAnO
9. PEYA° YEIT°i° aAnO
10. °AA° S¼E° aAnO

Sub Test II

1. zEq°PEYA° °A° aAnO
2. zEq°PEYA° °AZAU°E° aAnO
3. aP°°AA° YEIT°i° aAnO
4. zEq°PAA° S¼E° aAnO
5. .aP°PEYA° S¼E° aAnO
6. aP°°AA° °A° aAnO
7. aP°°AA° -EAI° aAnO
8. zEq°PEYA° -EAI° aAnO
9. zEq°PEYA° YEIT°i° aAnO
10. aP°°AA° °AZAU°E° aAnO

Sub Test III

1. °AA° °A° AA° AV°AA° °AZAU°E° aAnO
2. PEYA° YEIT°i° EA° AV°AA° °A° AA° aAnO
3. PEYA° -EAI° EA° AV°AA° YEIT°i° EA° aAnO
4. PEYA° °AZAU°E° AV°AA° -EAI° EA° aAnO
5. PEYA° °A° AA° AV°AA° S¼E° aAnO

6. ὄνα σφέα ἄνθρα ἔαι εἰ ἄνθ
7. ὄνα ἔαι εἰ ἄνθρα ὄνα ἄνθ
8. ὄνα ἄζατῆεα ἄνθρα σφέα ἄνθ
9. πῆρα σφέα ἄνθρα ἔπι εἰ ἄνθ
10. ὄνα ἔπι εἰ ἄνθρα ἄζατῆεα ἄνθ

Sub Test IV

1. ζέεο ὄνα ὄνα ἄε ἄνθρα ἄπαι ὄνα ἄζατῆεα ἄνθ
2. ζέεο ὄνα ἄζατῆεα ἄνθρα ἄπαι πῆρα σφέα ἄνθ
3. ζέεο πῆρα ἔπι εἰ ἄνθρα ἄπαι ὄνα ὄνα ἄε ἄνθ
4. ζέεο πῆρα ἔαι εἰ ἄνθρα ἄπαι ὄνα ἔπι εἰ ἄνθ
5. ἄπαι ὄνα ἔπι εἰ ἄνθρα ζέεο πῆρα ἄζατῆεα ἄνθ
6. ἄπαι πῆρα ὄνα ἄε ἄνθρα ζέεο ὄνα σφέα ἄνθ
7. ἄπαι πῆρα ἄζατῆεα ἄνθρα ἄπαι ὄνα ἔαι εἰ ἄνθ
8. ἄπαι ὄνα ἔαι εἰ ἄνθρα ζέεο πῆρα ὄνα ἄε ἄνθ
9. ἄπαι πῆρα σφέα ἄνθρα ζέεο πῆρα ἔπι εἰ ἄνθ
10. ζέεο ὄνα σφέα ἄνθρα ζέεο πῆρα ἔαι εἰ ἄνθ

Sub Test V

1. ὄνα ἄζατῆεα πῆρα σφέ ἄπαι ἔ Er
2. πῆρα ἄζατῆεα ὄνα ἔαι ζα ἄε ἔ Er
3. ὄνα ἔπι εἰ πῆρα ἄζατῆε ἄνθ ἔ Er
4. πῆρα σφέα πῆρα ἔπι ἄε ἔ Er
5. πῆρα ἔπι εἰ ὄνα ὄνα ἔ Er
6. ὄνα ὄνα ὄνα ἄζατῆε πῆρα ἔ Er
7. πῆρα ἔαι εἰ ὄνα ἔπι πῆρα ἔ Er
8. ὄνα ἔαι εἰ πῆρα ὄνα ἔ Er
9. ὄνα σφέα πῆρα ἔαι ζα ἄνθ ἔ Er
10. πῆρα ὄνα ὄνα σφέ ἄπαι ἔ Er

Sub Test VI

1. ζέεο ὄνα σφέα ζέεο πῆρα ἔαι ζα ἄνθ ἔ Er
2. ζέεο πῆρα ἔπι εἰ ἄπαι ὄνα ὄνα ἔ Er
3. ἄπαι πῆρα ὄνα ἄε ζέεο ὄνα σφέ πῆρα ἔ Er
4. ζέεο ὄνα ἄζατῆεα ἄπαι πῆρα σφέ ἄε ἔ Er
5. ἄπαι πῆρα ἄζατῆεα ἄπαι ὄνα ἔαι ζα πῆρα ἔ Er
6. ἄπαι ὄνα ἔπι εἰ ζέεο πῆρα ἄζατῆε ἔ Er

7. zÉEqAO °AVAC °AVE°AEAB aPNI °AVAC °ÁZAtúÉ ¥APNIZÁ°è Er
8. zÉEqAO PÉAYÁÁ °ÉÉÁI EÁ aPNI °AVAC ¥ÉPí°i »AZÉ Er
9. aPNI PÉAYÁÁ S¥ÉÁEA zÉEqAO PÉAYÁÁ ¥ÉPí°i ¥APNIZÁ°è Er
10. aPNI °AVAC °ÉÉÁI ZÁ zÉEqAO PÉAYÁÁ °AVE«EÁ aÉÁÁ°É Er

Sub Test VII

1. PÉAYÁÁ °ÁZAtúÉÁEA °AVAC °ÉÉÁI ZÁ JqÁUÁqÉ Er
2. °AVAC S¥ÉÁEA PÉAYÁÁ °ÉÉÁI ZÁ JqÁUÁqÉ Er
3. °AVAC °ÁZAtúÉÁEA PÉAYÁÁ S¥ÉÁÁÁ S°UÁqÉ Er
4. PÉAYÁÁ ¥ÉPí°i EÁ °AVAC °AVE«EÁ JqÁUÁqÉ Er
5. PÉAYÁÁ °AVEEÁ °AVAC S¥ÉÁÁÁ JqÁUÁqÉ Er
6. °AVAC °ÉÉÁI EÁ PÉAYÁÁ °AVE«EÁ S°UÁqÉ Er
7. PÉAYÁÁ S¥ÉÁEA PÉAYÁÁ ¥ÉPí°i S°UÁqÉ Er
8. PÉAYÁÁ °ÉÉÁI EÁ °AVAC ¥ÉPí°i S°UÁqÉ Er
9. °AVAC ¥ÉÉÁI°i EÁ PÉAYÁÁ °ÁZAtúÉ S°UÁqÉ Er
10. °AVAC °AVEEÁ °ÁZAtúÉ S°UÁqÉ Er

Sub Test VIII

1. aPNI PÉAYÁÁ °AVEEÁ zÉEqAO °AVAC S¥ÉÁÁÁ JqÁUÁqÉ Er
2. zÉEqAO PÉAYÁÁ °ÉÉÁI EÁ aPNI °AVAC ¥ÉPí°i JqÁUÁqÉ Er
3. zÉEqAO °AVAC °AVEEÁ aPNI °AVAC °ÁZAtúÉ S°UÁqÉ Er
4. aPNI °AVAC °ÉÉÁI EÁ zÉEqAO PÉAYÁÁ °AVEEÁ S°UÁqÉ Er
5. zÉEqAO °AVAC S¥ÉÁEA zÉEqAO PÉAYÁÁ °ÉÉÁI ZÁ JqÁUÁqÉ Er
6. aPNI PÉAYÁÁ °ÁZAtúÉÁEA aPNI °AVAC °ÉÉÁI ZÁ S°UÁqÉ Er
7. aPNI PÉAYÁÁ S¥ÉÁEA zÉEqAO PÉAYÁÁ ¥ÉPí°i S°UÁqÉ Er
8. zÉEqAO °AVAC °ÁZAtúÉÁEA aPNI PÉAYÁÁ S¥ÉÁÁÁ S°UÁqÉ Er
9. zÉEqAO PÉAYÁÁ ¥ÉPí°i EÁ aPNI °AVAC °AVE«EÁ JqÁUÁqÉ Er
10. aPNI °AVAC ¥ÉPí°i EÁ zÉEqAO PÉAYÁÁ °ÁZAtúÉ JqÁUÁqÉ Er

Sub Test IX

1. °AVAC °AVE«EÁ SzÁ°ÁV °AVAC °ÁZAtúÉ aÁÁÁnó
2. °AVAC °ÉÉÁI EÁ aÁÁAI ÚZÁqÉ aÁÁÁVÁE PÉAYÁÁ °AVE°AEAB aÁÁÁnó
3. PÉAYÁÁ °ÉÉÁI EÁ aÁÁAI ÚZÉ EzÁÁqÉ °AVAC ¥ÉPí°i aÁÁÁnó
4. °AVAC S¥ÉÁEA aÁÁAI ÚZÉ EzÁÁqÉ PÉAYÁÁ °AVE°AEAB aÁÁÁnó

5. ಉಚಿತ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ ಕ್ರಮದ ಪಠ್ಯದ ಲೇಖಿಣಿ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ
6. ಪಠ್ಯದ ಫಲಿತಫಲಿಣಿ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ

7. ಪಠ್ಯದ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ ಕ್ರಮದ ಪಠ್ಯದ ಫಲಿತಫಲಿಣಿ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ
8. ಪಠ್ಯದ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ ಕ್ರಮದ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ
9. ಪಠ್ಯದ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನದ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಫಲಿತಫಲಿಣಿ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ
10. ಕ್ರಮದ ಪಠ್ಯದ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ

Sub Test X

1. ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಪಠ್ಯದ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನದ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ
2. ಉಚಿತ ಪಠ್ಯದ ಉಚಿತ ಕ್ರಮದ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ
3. ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನದ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ
4. ಕ್ರಮದ ಉಚಿತ ಪಠ್ಯದ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ, ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ
5. ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ ಉಚಿತ ಪಠ್ಯದ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ
6. ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನದ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ
7. ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಕ್ರಮದ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ
8. ಉಚಿತ ಪಠ್ಯದ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ
9. ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ
10. ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಉಚಿತ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ ಕ್ರಮದ ಉಚಿತ ಪಠ್ಯದ ಉಚಿತ ಉಚಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ

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