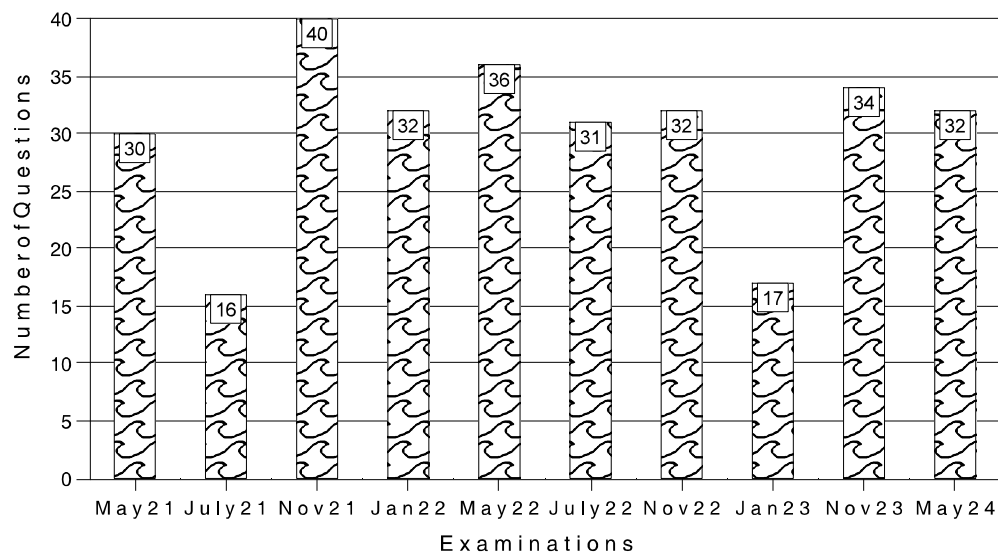


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ESSENTIALS OF GOOD ENGLISH

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CHAPTER AT A GLANCE

1.1 Grammar and its Usage

- Part of grammar concerned with changes in the form of words by internal modification is known as **accidence**.
- **Syntax** refers to the manner in which these words can be arranged in a form of a sentence.

1.2 Parts of Speech

- Noun
- Pronoun
- Adjective
- Verbs
- Adverbs
- Prepositions
- Conjunctions
- Interjections

1.3 Nouns

- Part of speech which is used to identify name, place, thing, quality or action or animal.
- Types of nouns are:
 - (i) Common Noun - e.g. - Bank, shop etc.
 - (ii) Proper Noun - e.g. - January, Delhi etc.
 - (iii) Collective Noun - e.g. - Batch, company etc.
 - (iv) Abstract Noun - e.g. - Joy, Sorrow, Excitement, Ambition.

1.4	Pronouns
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- Pronouns are those words which are used in place of noun.
- Types of Pronoun are:
 - (i) Personal Pronouns
 - (ii) Relative Pronouns
 - (iii) Possessive Pronouns

1.5	Adjective
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- Adjective is a word which adds meaning to noun or a pronoun.
- Note:**
Compound Adjective: When two or more words are joined with a hyphen to form a Compound Adjective.
For e.g.: Government Financed project

1.6	Verbs
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- These are words indicating action. Verbs comes from Latin word '*Verbum*', meaning a word; **For e.g.:**
Following are the functions performed by Verbs
 - (i) Stating existence.
 - (ii) Commanding anyone.
 - (iii) Description of activity.
- There are two types of Verb:
 - (i) Helping Verb.
 - (ii) Principal Verb.

1.7	Adverb
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- Adverbs modify the meaning of verbs, adjectives, prepositions, conjunctions etc.
- **For e.g.:** The CEO is an exceptionally sharp manager.

1.8	Preposition
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- Preposition is placed before noun to show its relationship with time, place, etc.
- Thumb rule of using preposition is that the sentence should read well.
- **For e.g.:** Some of the prepositions are:
 - above
 - below
 - behind
 - beside

1.9	Conjunction
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- Conjunction are the words used to join words or sentences.
- **For e.g.:** and, but, also, both etc.
- Using of conjunction in pairs is called as correlative conjunction.
- **For e.g.:** either or, not only-but also, both and etc.

1.10	Interjection
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- These are the words used to express emotion or feeling in a sentence
- **For e.g.:** Hi! Alas! Oh! etc.

1.11	Types of Voices
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Types of Voices:

- There are two types of voices:
 - (i) Active Voice
 - (ii) Passive Voice
- Active Voice is shorter, direct and emphatic.
- Passive Voice is suitable while drafting of legal formulations.

1.12	Articles
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- Articles are called the most common determiner.
- Two types of Articles are:
 - (a) Definite Article
 - (b) Indefinite Article
- **Definite Article:** It is always particular/specific thus referring to a definite person, thing or entity.
- **For e.g.:** The river Ganges.
- **Indefinite Articles:** The indefinite articles are 'a' and 'an'. These articles are not definite, general and are non-specific.
- **For e.g.:** She has planted a rose plant.

1.13	Usage
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- Usage implies the manner in which the native speaker of a language use it.
- Usage of a particular language is not governed by any grammatical rules.

1.14	Tenses
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- A set of forms taken by verb to indicate the time of action.
- There are twelve types of tenses:
 - (a) Present
 - (b) Past
 - (c) Future
 - (d) Present perfect progressive
 - (e) Past perfect progressive
 - (f) Future perfect progressive
 - (g) Present Progressive
 - (h) Past Progressive
 - (i) Future Progressive
 - (j) Present perfect
 - (k) Past perfect
 - (l) Future perfect
- Progressive forms - used to express continuing action.
- Perfect tenses - used to convey past action which is continuing upto present moment.

1.15	Sentence Construction
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- Combination of words in order to form the meaningful sentences
- Why sentences are Formed?
 - (a) Make a statement
 - (b) Post a Question
 - (c) Give a Command
 - (d) Make an exclamation.
- Sentence Consists of two parts
 - (i) Subject
 - (ii) Predicate
- **Subject:** It is that part of sentence which contain the person or thing which performs the action.

- **Predicate:** It is that part of sentence which contains the verb. It gives information about the subject.
- A **phrase** is a group of words which does not make sense by itself. It is not a finite verb:
It can be a:
 - (i) Noun
 - (ii) Adjectival or
 - (iii) Adverbial phrase
- A **clause** is a grammatical unit that includes a predicate, and an explicit or implied subject and express a preposition.
There are two types of clause:
 1. Main clause (Principal statement)
 2. Subordinate clause (Rest statements)
- Sentence can be constructed using various pattern and structures
- Sentence Construction that are based on writing are:
 - (a) Loose Sentences - simple style, closer to spoken form
 - (b) Periodic Sentences - difficult to write
- Sentence Construction on the basis of length are:
 - (a) Shorter Sentences - easier to write and understand
 - (b) Longer sentence - more prone to grammatical errors.

Types of sentence

- **Simple Sentence:** It contains one finite verb and can make only one complete statement
- **Compound Sentence:** It is made up of two or more clauses.
- **Complex Sentence:** It is formed when its main clause is supported by a dependent clause.

1.16

Prefixes and Suffixes

- **Prefix:**
It is the affix or addition to the base form or root word coming at the beginning of the sentence.

Group of Prefix

Prefix falls into a number of distinct groups such as:

- Supportive
- Opposing
- Negative
- Reversative
- Deprivative
- Pejorative
- Size
- Time
- Number
- Status
- Class changing
- Miscellaneous

Supporting Prefix: 'Pro' is used with the word for favouring /supporting its meaning.

Eg- Pro-choice, Pro market, etc.

- **Opposing Prefixes:**

It opposed the action denoted by the root word.

E.g: Anti (against): anti-dote, antibiotic, etc.

- **Negative Prefixes:**

These are prefixes that denote the absence of distinguishing features of the root word.

E.g: an (not, lacking) anaesthetic, anaemic, etc.

- **Reversative Prefixes:**

It denotes the act of undoing the previous act that the root word denotes as being done.

Dis (Reverse of) - disqualify, dishonest, etc.

- **Derivate prefixes:**

It means removing someone or something.

Eg: de (depart from) - deplanes, detrain, etc.

- **Pejorative Prefixes:**

These express contempt, bad or wrong.

Eg: Mis (wrongly) - Misspell, mismanage etc.

- There are some other prefixes also like:

Place Prefix ⇒ indicates place or situation

Size Prefix ⇒ denotes size

Time Prefix ⇒ denotes time

Number Prefix ⇒ denotes number

Status Prefix ⇒ denotes a status

Class Changing Prefix ⇒ changes the word class

- **Suffix:**
It is an addition to the end of a word to form a derivative of root word.
- **Groups of suffix:**
 - (i) Noun Suffix
 - (ii) Adjective Suffix
 - (iii) Verb Suffix
 - (iv) Adverb Suffix
- Noun Suffix ⇒ acity - audacity, capacity
- Verb Suffix ⇒ is, ire - modernise, terrorise.
- Adjective Suffix ⇒ y - massy, funny sleepy.
- Adverb Suffix ⇒ wise - closwise, taxwise

1.17	Combination Word
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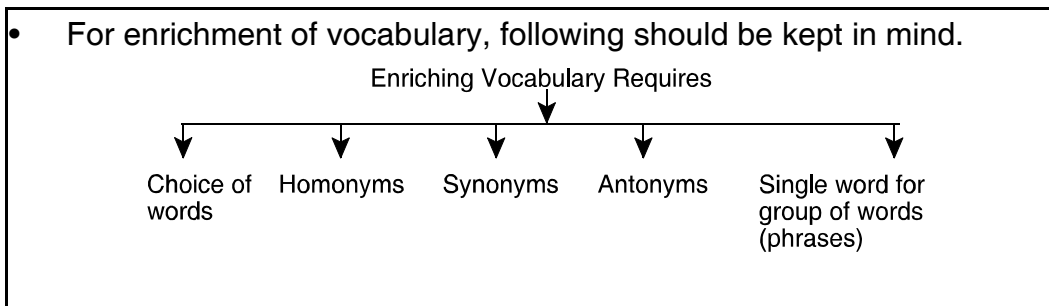
- These are words, elements or combining forms that can be combined with other words that already exists to form new words.
Eg: Macro (large) ⇒ Macro economics, macro-organism, etc.

1.18	Punctuation
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- The marks, such as full stop, brackets, commas used in writing to separate sentences and their elements and to clarify the meaning are called punctuation.
- **Punctuation also serve other purposes:**
 - (i) Introduction of delicate effects
 - (ii) Alteration of flow of sentence
 - (iii) Highlighting certain words which are necessary for the document
- **The various punctuations used in English language are:**
 - Capital letters • Stroke • Abbreviation
 - Full stop • Ellipsis • Space
 - Hyphen • Comma • Italic

Punctuation		
Punctuation	Uses	Example
Space	Separates words, sentences, paras etc.	a book, the car, etc.
Full Stop (.)	It is used to end a declarative statement	Mr., B.A. , etc.
The Comma (,)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before tags and comments • Separate two main clauses that are linked by conjunction or even when they are not • To denote word left out 	Higher the price, the better the quality of goods.
Hyphen (-)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps in forming compound words • After certain prefixes • Before certain suffixes • When Noun and verb are combined to form a word 	ex-partner, half-truth
Quotation mark ('or')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used for introducing text said by other people 	She asked 'Did he say' "Diseased or deceased"?
Brackets ()	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enclose certain contents that will be subsequently used in the text but does not affect the flow of sentence. 	Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) issued a circular on the matter.
Semi colon (;)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join words • Providing pause before certain adverb • Separates two or more independent clauses. 	It is a superb car; however costly to maintain.

The colon (:)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce material that explains. To introduce quotations or direct speech. To introduce examples. 	They did not sleep last night: they must be tired.
An Apostrophe (')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To denote the relationship as well as possession. 	This is Walter's book.



1.19	Choice of Words
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It should be according to the:

- (i) Range of your vocabulary
- (ii) Audience to whom you are communicating with
- (iii) Type of communication
- (iv) Message you intend to convey
- (v) Certain words to be used in a particular context only
- (vi) Regional differences in language or Connotation

Note: Tips for choosing right word are:

- Use of simple language
- Use of language on the basis of field i.e. Jargon
- Avoiding the use of superfluous words/verbosity.

1.20	Synonyms
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⇒ Words nearly having the same meaning are called synonyms.
 ⇒ Some examples of synonyms are:

Word	Synonyms
Audacious	bold, daring
Cogent	Valid, convincing
Effete	exhausted, worn-out
Morbid	Morose, sickly

1.21	Antonyms
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- A word opposite or contrary in meaning to another word is called antonym.
- Some examples of Antonyms are:

Word	Antonyms
Curiosity	Indifference
Flattery	Criticism
Oral	Written

1.22	Homophones
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- These are the group of words which are similar in the sound but they differ in their meaning as well as spelling.
- Following are the examples of Homophones:
 - (i) Elicit: Draw out
Illicit: unlawful
 - (ii) Refuge: Place of shelter from Danger
Refuse: not to accept, decline
 - (iii) Root: (basics, core)
Route: (way)
Rout: (Completely defeated forced to flee)

1.23	Homonyms
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single word (with one spelling) that has more than one meaning. Following are the examples of Homonyms • Address - to speak to/location • Band - a musical group/ a ring • Fair - equitable/beautiful • Kind - type/caring. |
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1.24	Single word for group of words
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explaining the group of words in a single word helps to enrich vocabulary. • For e.g.: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">One who perform gymnastic feats</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Acrobat</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">One who does not believe in the existence of god</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Atheist</td> </tr> </table> | One who perform gymnastic feats | Acrobat | One who does not believe in the existence of god | Atheist |
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| One who does not believe in the existence of god | Atheist | | | |

1.25	Words frequently misspelled
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| <p>– Words which are often unintentionally misspelled in general writing.</p> <p>Examples –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • absence – abcence, absance • acquire – aquire • address – address • advisable – adviseable, advizable • affect – effect • almost – allmost • beginning – begining |
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1.26	Spelling and Pronunciation
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- There is a relationship between a word's sound and the way it is expressed in writing.
- The same sound is often conveyed through different spellings.

1.27	Stress and Rhythms
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- A syllable is the minimum rhythmic sound of a spoken language.
- Word can have more than one syllables
 - (i) One Claim
 - (ii) Two Confess
 - (iii) Three Sacrifice
 - (iv) Four Retribution

1.28	Abbreviation
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- It is a shortened form of word, phrase or text
- It saves time
- Eg. TV (Television), MA - Master of Arts

Numerals:

- Choice of presenting it in figure or words depends upon the purpose that one wants to achieve
- Eg: ₹ 1,20,000, 50-50%, 3/4th inch, etc.

1.29	Idioms and Phrases
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Group of words/phrases having a figurative meaning which is generally well established as well as known.

- These words cannot be taken at their literal meanings as it would sound absurd.

- It helps the writer to play with words to make reading interested rather than straight forward boring paragraphs.
- A group of word established by the usage having meaning not deductible from the individual words. Dictionary defines idiom as, “the form of expression peculiar to a language.”

Examples

- **Beat around the bush:** Trying to avoid a subject/person/ situation.
- **Burn the midnight oil:** Work or labour late into night.
- **Judge a book by its cover:** Rely on outward appearances.
- **Kill two birds with one stone:** Accomplish two things with the same effort.
- **A piece of cake:** An easy task/ job
- **Whole nine yards:** The entire thing
- Cry over spilled milk – Regret / complain about something that cannot be rectified.
- **Phrase:**
A phrase is a group of words, a part of a sentence which does not make a complete sentence but has an independent meaning.
- **E.g:** To be in the doldrums
To be on the wave
To be on the carpet

1.30

Proverbs

- A short petty saying in general use, stating a general truth or peace of advice.
- **E.g:** Well begun is half done
Example is better than percept
A fool and his money are soon parted.
- Brief, simple saying/phrase which is known popularly and effectively embodies a common place truth based on practical experience or common sense.

Examples

- **A bird in hand is worth two in bush:** Things we already have are more valuable than what we hope to get.
- **Absence make the heart grow fonder:** When people we love are not with us we love them even more.
- **A bad workman always blames his tools:** Someone blames the quality of their equipment or other external factors when they perform a task poorly.

1.31 Foreign words and phrases

- English has been borrowed generally from other languages more so from Latin, Greek, French and German. This leads to the formation of certain words and phrases.
- **E.g:**

ab initio (L)	From the beginning
corrigenda (L)	a thing to be corrected
Bon voyage (F)	have a good journey

1.32 Abbreviation form of Latin, French and Roman word

A shortened form of word or phrase used for simplicity in the place of whole:
 Latin Abbreviation: AD, - Anno Domini
 German Abbreviation: ren - renata
 French Abbreviation: adj - adjective

1.33 Steps for summarizing a passage

1. Read the passage thoroughly.
2. Underline/mark the main sentence of the passage.

3. Check the appropriateness of the ideas for making summary from main points.
4. Prepare draft summary.
5. Limit the written summary.

1.34	Para Jumbles
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- Jumbled paragraphs in which sentence are not in the correct order.
- The sentences given in each question when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph.
- Each sentence is labeled with a letter.
- Choose the most logical order of sentences from among the given choice to contract a coherent paragraph.

Strategies for solving para – Jumble Question:

- Try to locate the introductory sentence
- Check for conclusive last sentences
- Anticipate the order of sentences
- See if there are any logical sequence among sentence pairs.

1.35	Sentence Correction
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Out of given one or more sentences, find the error in the sentence.

1.36	Sentence Completion
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Choose the correct answer to fill in the blanks and make a complete sentence.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. A _____ sentence contains only one finite verb and can make only one complete statement.
(a) Simplex (b) Compound
(c) Complex (d) None of the above
Answer:
2. It is used to construct word to clarify meaning. It links words to form compound word.
(a) The Hyphen (-) (b) Comma (,)
(c) Full stop (.) (d) None of the above.
Answer:
3. Does wood sink in water? (Which word is a material noun?)
(a) sink (b) does
(c) water (d) wood
Answer:
4. My mother wears gold jewelry. (Which word is a material noun?)
(a) Wears
(b) jewelry
(c) mother
(d) gold
Answer:
5. Crowd was on main street. (Which word is a collective noun?)
(a) crowd
(b) main
(c) on
(d) street
Answer:
6. They gazed across valley. (Which word is a common noun?)
(a) across
(b) gazed

- (c) they
- (d) valley

Answer:

7. Honesty is best policy. (Which word is an abstract noun?)

- (a) best
- (b) Honesty
- (c) policy
- (d) the

Answer:

8. I believe in his honesty. (Which word is an abstract noun?)

- (a) in
- (b) believe
- (c) honesty
- (d) I

Answer:

9. Kiran performance was not impressive in test. (Which word is a proper noun?)

- (a) test
- (b) impressive
- (c) Kiran
- (d) Performance

Answer:

10. Heroes never lay down their words. (Which word is a plural noun?)

- (a) never
- (b) heroes
- (c) lay down
- (d) words.

Answer:

11. Moon shines at night. (Which word is a proper noun?)

- (a) Moon
- (b) night
- (c) Shines
- (d) At

Answer:

12. We need peace in our state. (Which word is an abstract noun?)

- (a) state
- (b) peace
- (c) need
- (d) our

Answer:

13. What a great idea! He cried. (Which word is a countable noun?)

- (a) great
- (b) what
- (c) cried
- (d) idea

Answer:

14. Can you give me some advice? (Which word is an uncountable noun?)

- (a) some
- (b) give
- (c) you
- (d) advice

Answer:

15. Children broke window pane. (Which word is a plural noun?)

- (a) broke
- (b) window pane
- (c) children
- (d) the

Answer:

16. Where was Sara? Did you see her? (Which word is a proper noun?)

- (a) Was
- (b) where
- (c) Sara
- (d) See

Answer:

17. How many students in your class? (Which word is a countable noun?)

- (a) many
- (b) students
- (c) class
- (d) your

Answer:

18. My chair is made of wood. (Which word is a material noun?)

- (a) wood
- (b) made of
- (c) chair
- (d) my

Answer:

19. Rice is my favorite dish. (Which word is an uncountable noun?)

- (a) my
- (b) dish
- (c) favorite
- (d) rice

Answer:

20. My mother is a wise lady. (Which word is an abstract noun?)

- (a) lady
- (b) my
- (c) wise
- (d) mother

Answer:

21. Do not hide fact. (Which word is word a countable noun?)

- (a) hide
- (b) the
- (c) fact
- (d) do not

Answer:

22. Why do you tell a lie? (Which word is an abstract noun?)

- (a) tell
- (b) lie
- (c) you
- (d) why

Answer:

23. We get wool from sheep. (Which word is a material noun?)

- (a) sheep
- (b) wool
- (c) get
- (d) from

Answer:

24. You can settle everything in a friendly manner. (Which word is concrete noun)

- (a) settle
- (b) can
- (c) friendly manner
- (d) you

Answer:

25. Taj Mahal is a sign of love. (Which word is a proper noun?)

- (a) Taj Mahal
- (b) sing
- (c) love
- (d) is

Answer:

26. Beauty does not need any ornaments. (Which word is an uncountable noun?)

- (a) need
- (b) beauty
- (c) any
- (d) ornaments.

Answer:

27. He was reading a newspaper. (Which word is a common noun?)
(a) newspaper
(b) was
(c) a
(d) he

Answer:

28. My family supports me. (Which word is a collective noun?)
(a) family
(b) me
(c) supports
(d) my

Answer:

29. My grandfather walks extremely slowly. The adverb "extremely" modifies
(a) verb
(b) adverb
(c) noun
(d) pronoun

Answer:

30. Your roommate drives quite fast, doesn't she? The adverb "quite" modifies
(a) verb
(b) adjective
(c) adverb
(d) noun

Answer:

31. We rarely go to the movies on the weekends. The adverb "rarely" modifies
(a) adverb
(b) pronoun
(c) verb
(d) noun

Answer:

32. Our house is practically on the highway. The adverb "practically" modifies
- (a) sentence
 - (b) prepositional phrase
 - (c) verb
 - (d) conjunction
- Answer:**
33. Obviously, I could be wrong. The adverb "obviously" modifies
- (a) verb
 - (b) pronoun
 - (c) clause
 - (d) noun
- Answer:**
34. My niece reads well for a five-year old. The word "well" is
- (a) adjective
 - (b) adverb
 - (c) verb
 - (d) pronoun
- Answer:**
35. Your friend Robert drives a fast car. The word "fast" is
- (a) pronoun
 - (b) adverb
 - (c) adjective
 - (d) noun
- Answer:**
36. I never buy fruit at the grocery store. The word "never" is
- (a) preposition
 - (b) adverb
 - (c) adjective
 - (d) noun
- Answer:**
37. That's a lovely painting. The word "lovely" is
- (a) adverb
 - (b) adjective

- (c) verb
- (d) noun

Answer:

38. Sometimes I feel very lonely. The word "lonely" is

- (a) adjective
- (b) adverb
- (c) conjunction
- (d) noun

Answer:

39. An interjection is _____.

- (a) an exclamation which shows thoughts or feelings
- (b) a meaningless string of sounds
- (c) the same as an adjective
- (d) None of these

Answer:

40. Which of the following interjections is NOT an expression of surprise or wonder?

- (a) Gee!
- (b) Gosh!
- (c) Boo!
- (d) None of these

Answer:

41. You are vegetarian and you are offered a dish of raw meat. What do you think?

- (a) Ugh!
- (b) Hurrah!
- (c) Yippee!
- (d) can't say

Answer:

42. Somebody has just stepped on your toe. Which interjection would best fit the situation?

- (a) Yoo-hoo!
- (b) Ouch!
- (c) Eh!
- (d) can't say

Answer:

43. You are most likely to hear or use the interjection boo ____.
- (a) at a theatrical performance
 - (b) while listening to a political speech
 - (c) on both of the above mentioned occasions
 - (d) None of these

Answer:

44. _____, Mary! Come here! I want to talk to you.
- (a) Oops
 - (b) Mmm
 - (c) Hey
 - (d) All of these

Answer:

45. The interjections 'blimey' and 'crickey' imply _____.
- (a) joy
 - (b) surprise or wonder
 - (c) irritation

Answer:

46. Your children are making a lot of noise and you want to hear the news on the radio. How do you urge silence?
- (a) Shh!
 - (b) Tut-tut.
 - (c) Ow!

Answer:

47. Which of the following interjections is NOT used when cheering for a team?
- (a) Rah!
 - (b) Yay!
 - (c) Yikes!

Answer:

48. _____! The spinach soup is out of this world!

- (a) Mmm
- (b) Yuk
- (c) Uh

Answer:

49. A: I scored 660 points at the TOEFL test!

B: _____! That's amazing!

- (a) Wow
- (b) Aha
- (c) Woe

Answer:

50. _____ I hear someone whispering my name.

- (a) Ah!
- (b) Oh!
- (c) Hush!
- (d) Wow!

Answer:

51. _____ that feels amazing.

- (a) Bah!
- (b) Phew!
- (c) Yeah!
- (d) Ahh!

Answer:

52. _____ I have passed the exam.

- (a) Hurrah!
- (b) Ahh!
- (c) Wow!
- (d) Hey!

Answer:

53. Let us play _____ chess

- (a) no article
- (b) a
- (c) an
- (d) the

Answer:

54. She wants to become _____ engineer.

- (a) a
- (b) an
- (c) the
- (d) no Article

Answer:

55. He hopes to join _____ university soon

- (a) a
- (b) an
- (c) the
- (d) no article

Answer:

56. _____ Oranges are grown in Nagpur

- (a) a
- (b) an
- (c) the
- (d) no article

Answer:

57. This is _____ car I bought yesterday

- (a) no article
- (b) a
- (c) an
- (d) the

Answer:

58. Which of the following is the prefix of 'Polite'?

- (a) Im
- (b) Dis
- (c) In

Answer:

59. Which of the following is the prefix of 'Respect'?

- (a) Un
- (b) Ir
- (c) Dis

Answer:

60. Which of the following is the prefix of 'Appear'?

- (a) Dis
- (b) Re
- (c) Un
- (d) Both (a) and (b)

Answer:

61. Which of the following is the prefix of 'Likely'?

- (a) Im
- (b) Un
- (c) In

Answer:

62. Which of the following is the prefix of 'Logical'?

- (a) Ir
- (b) Il
- (c) Re

Answer:

63. Which of the following is the prefix of 'Loyal'?

- (a) Dis
- (b) Ir
- (c) Mis

Answer:

64. Which of the following is the prefix of 'Inform'?

- (a) Un
- (b) Pre
- (c) Mis

Answer:

65. Which of the following is the prefix of 'Historic'?

- (a) Un
- (b) Dis
- (c) Pre

Answer:

66. Which of the following is the prefix of 'Driver'?

- (a) Over
- (b) Co
- (c) Mis

Answer:

67. Which of the following is the prefix of 'Spell'?

- (a) Mis
- (b) Dis
- (c) Over

Answer:

68. Which of these is not a punctuation mark?

- (a) Full stop
- (b) Comma
- (c) Colon
- (d) Hashtag

Answer:

69. The full stop is used at the end of an indirect question.

- (a) True
- (b) False

Answer:

70. Which of these is used after a nominative absolute?

- (a) Colon
- (b) Comma
- (c) Full stop
- (d) Question mark

Answer:

71. Which of these is used to separate short co-ordinate clauses of a compound sentence?

- (a) Semicolon
- (b) Comma
- (c) Full stop
- (d) Colon

Answer:

72. Which of these is used to separate a series of loosely related clauses?

- (a) Comma
- (b) Full stop
- (c) Semicolon
- (d) Colon

Answer:

73. Which of these is used between sentences which are grammatically independent?

- (a) Colon
- (b) Semicolon
- (c) Comma
- (d) Hyphen

Answer:

74. Which of these is used to convey proportions?

- (a) Semicolon
- (b) Colon
- (c) Comma
- (d) Hyphen

Answer:

75. Choose the correct statement:

- (a) My aunt who lives in Mumbai is a doctor.
- (b) My aunt, who lives in Mumbai, is a doctor.
- (c) My aunt, who lives in Mumbai is a doctor.
- (d) My aunt who lives in Mumbai, is a doctor.

Answer:

76. Choose the correct statement:

- (a) I met a beautiful , European woman.
- (b) I met a beautiful European woman.
- (c) I met a beautiful European, woman.
- (d) I met a beautiful , European, woman.

Answer:

77. Which of the following is not a German Abbreviation?

- (a) S.d.
- (b) WWE
- (c) P.S.
- (d) N.N.

Answer:

78. Which of the following is not a Latin Abbreviation?

- (a) vs.
- (b) a.v.
- (c) Bez
- (d) i.a.

Answer:

79. Which of the following is not a French Abbreviation?

- (a) Lit
- (b) Orig
- (c) U.S.
- (d) N.B.

Answer:

80. Which is not a proverb:

- (a) Sweet are the uses of adversity
- (b) to scatter to the winds
- (c) A rose would smell as sweet by any other name
- (d) A closed mouth catches no flies

Answer:

81. What does the idiom mean "To scatter to the winds"

- (a) To waste
- (b) Prove of something
- (c) To prejudice another person
- (d) To deteriorate badly

Answer:

82. Which word explains the following sentence "To search thoroughly".

- (a) Vandal
- (b) Genocide
- (c) Ransack
- (d) Amnesty

Answer:

83. Which word explains the following group of words "Coming at the right time".

- (a) Opportune
- (b) Benefactor
- (c) Quisling
- (d) Panacea

Answer:

84. Find out the antonym of the word "Meager"

- (a) Empty
- (b) Plentiful
- (c) Both (a) or (b)
- (d) None of the above

Answer:

85. To transform into a purer or idealised form means.

- (a) Sublimate
- (b) Ransack
- (c) Vandal
- (d) Revive

Answer:

86. The Latin word "bonafide" means:

- (a) Strange
- (b) Good faith
- (c) Colleague
- (d) None of the above

Answer:

87. BCC stands for:

- (a) Blind copy carbon
- (b) Before carbon copy
- (c) Blind carbon copy
- (d) Before copy carbon

Answer:

88. VAT stands for:

- (a) Value Added Tax
- (b) Value Addition Tax
- (c) Value Abstract Tax
- (d) Value Added Text

Answer:

89. Alma mater means:

- (a) A school or college which one has to attend
- (b) A public apology
- (c) Preliminary matter
- (d) None of the above

Answer:

90. The proverb "To rob peter to, pay paul" means:

- (a) Things take time to complete and to mature
- (b) To harm one person in order to benefit the other
- (c) You judge a man's worth by his clothes
- (d) A man is judged by sort of friends he has.

Answer:

91. WWW stands for:

- (a) World wide web
- (b) Wide word web
- (c) Web world wide
- (d) None of the above.

Answer:

92. Agnostic means:

- (a) One who perform gymnastic frets
- (b) The action of attacking with provocation

- (c) Science of production, transmission
- (d) None of the above.

Answer:

93. There are several pairs or group of words that are similar but are different in spelling and meaning.

- (a) Antonyms
- (b) Homonyms
- (c) Synonyms
- (d) None of the above.

Answer:

94. An ostentatious and inappropriate display of learning is:

- (a) Jargon
- (b) Pedantry
- (c) Verbosity
- (d) Vocabulary.

Answer:

Read the following passage and answer the questions 95-97

Opera refers to a dramatic art form, originating in Europe, in which the emotional content is conveyed to the audience as much through music, both vocal and instrumental, as it is through the lyrics. By contrast, in musical theater an actor's dramatic performance is primary, and the music plays a lesser role. The drama in opera is presented using the primary elements of theater such as scenery, costumes, and acting. However, the words of the opera, or libretto, are sung rather than spoken. The singers are accompanied by a musical ensemble ranging from a small instrumental ensemble to a full symphonic orchestra.

95. It is pointed out in the reading that opera _____.

- (a) has developed under the influence of musical theater
- (b) is a drama sung with the accompaniment of an orchestra
- (c) is not a high-budget production
- (d) is often performed in Europe
- (e) is the most complex of all the performing arts

Answer:

96. We can understand from the reading that _____.
- (a) people are captivated more by opera than musical theater
 - (b) drama in opera is more important than the music
 - (c) orchestras in operas can vary considerably in size
 - (d) musical theater relies above all on music
 - (e) there is argument over whether the music is important or the words in opera

Answer:

97. It is stated in the reading that _____.
- (a) acting and costumes are secondary to music in musical theater
 - (b) many people find musical theater more captivating than opera
 - (c) music in musical theater is not as important as it is in opera
 - (d) an opera requires a huge orchestra as well as a large choir
 - (e) opera doesn't have any properties in common with musical theater

Answer:

Read the following passage and answer the questions 98-100

Dolphins are regarded as the friendliest creatures in the sea and stories of them helping drowning sailors have been common since Roman times. The more we learn about dolphins, the more we realize that their society is more complex than people previously imagined. They look after other dolphins when they are ill, care for pregnant mothers and protect the weakest in the community, as we do. Some scientists have suggested that dolphins have a language but it is much more probable that they communicate with each other without needing words. Could any of these mammals be more intelligent than man?

Certainly the most common argument in favor of man's superiority over them that we can kill them more easily than they can kill us is the least satisfactory. On the contrary, the more we discover about these remarkable creatures, the less we appear superior when we destroy them.

98. It is clear from the passage that dolphins _____.
- (a) don't want to be with us as much as we want to be with them
 - (b) are proven to be less intelligent than once thought

- (c) have a reputation for being friendly to humans
- (d) are the most powerful creatures that live in the oceans
- (e) are capable of learning a language and communicating with humans

Answer:

99. The fact that the writer of the passage thinks that we can kill dolphins more easily than they can kill us _____.
- (a) means that they are better adapted to their environment than we are
 - (b) shows that dolphins have a very sophisticated form of communication
 - (c) proves that dolphins are not the most intelligent species at sea
 - (d) does not mean that we are superior to them
 - (e) proves that Dolphins have linguistic skills far beyond what we previously thought

Answer:

100. One can infer from the reading that _____.
- (a) dolphins are quite abundant in some areas of the world
 - (b) communication is the most fascinating aspect of the dolphins
 - (c) dolphins have skills that no other living creatures have such as the ability to think
 - (d) it is not usual for dolphins to communicate with each other
 - (e) dolphins have some social traits that are similar to those of humans

Answer:

Read the following passage and answer the questions 101-103

Naval architects never claim that a ship is unsinkable, but the sinking of the passenger and-car ferry Estonia in the Baltic surely should have never have happened. It was well designed and carefully maintained. It carried the proper number of lifeboats. It had been thoroughly inspected the day of its fatal voyage. Yet hours later, the Estonia rolled over and sank in a cold, stormy night. It went down so quickly that most of those on board, caught in their dark, flooding cabins, had no chance to save themselves: Of those who managed to scramble overboard, only 139 survived. The rest died of hypothermia before the rescuers could pluck them from the cold sea. The final death toll amounted to 912 souls. However, there were an unpleasant

number of questions about why the Estonia sank and why so many survivors were men in the prime of life, while most of the dead were women, children and the elderly.

101. One can understand from the reading that _____.
- (a) the lifesaving equipment did not work well and lifeboats could not be lowered
 - (b) design faults and incompetent crew contributed to the sinking of the Estonia ferry
 - (c) 139 people managed to leave the vessel but died in freezing water
 - (d) naval architects claimed that the Estonia was unsinkable
 - (e) most victims were trapped inside the boat as they were in their cabins

Answer:

102. It is clear from the passage that the survivors of the accident _____.
- (a) helped one another to overcome the tragedy that had affected them all
 - (b) were mostly young men but women, children and the elderly stood little chance
 - (c) helped save hundreds of lives
 - (d) are still suffering from severe post-traumatic stress disorder
 - (e) told the investigators nothing about the accident

Answer:

103. According to the passage, when the Estonia sank, _____.
- (a) there were only 139 passengers on board
 - (b) few of the passengers were asleep
 - (c) there were enough lifeboats for the number of people on board
 - (d) faster reaction by the crew could have increased the Estonia's chances of survival
 - (e) all the passengers had already moved out into the open decks

Answer:

Read the following passage and answer the questions 104-106

Erosion of America's farmland by wind and water has been a problem since settlers first put the prairies and grasslands under the plow in the nineteenth century. By the 1930s, more than 282 million acres of farmland were

damaged by erosion. After 40 years of conservation efforts, soil erosion has accelerated due to new demands placed on the land by heavy crop production. In the years ahead, soil erosion and the pollution problems it causes are likely to replace petroleum scarcity as the nation's most critical natural resource problem.

104. As we understand from the reading, today, soil erosion in America _____.

- (a) causes humans to place new demands on the land
- (b) is worse than it was in the nineteenth century
- (c) happens so slowly that it is hardly noticed
- (d) is the most critical problem that the nation faces
- (e) is worse in areas which have a lot of petroleum production

Answer:

105. The author points out in the passage that erosion in America _____.

- (a) has damaged 282 million acres ever since settlers first put the prairies and grasslands under the plow
- (b) has been so severe that it has forced people to abandon their settlements
- (c) occurs only in areas with no vegetation
- (d) can become a more serious problem in the future
- (e) was on the decline before 1930s

Answer:

106. It is pointed out in the reading that in America _____.

- (a) petroleum is causing heavy soil erosion and pollution problems
- (b) heavy crop production is necessary to meet the demands and to prevent a disaster
- (c) soil erosion has been hastened due to the overuse of farming lands
- (d) water is undoubtedly the largest cause of erosion
- (e) there are many ways to reduce erosion

Answer:

ANSWER

1	(d)	2	(a)	3	(d)	4	(d)	5	(a)	6	(d)
7	(b)	8	(c)	9	(c)	10	(b)	11	(a)	12	(b)
13	(d)	14	(d)	15	(c)	16	(c)	17	(b)	18	(a)
19	(d)	20	(c)	21	(c)	22	(b)	23	(b)	24	(c)
25	(a)	26	(b)	27	(a)	28	(a)	29	(b)	30	(c)
31	(c)	32	(b)	33	(c)	34	(b)	35	(c)	36	(b)
37	(b)	38	(a)	39	(a)	40	(c)	41	(a)	42	(a)
43	(b)	44	(c)	45	(b)	46	(a)	47	(c)	48	(a)
49	(a)	50	(c)	51	(d)	52	(a)	53	(a)	54	(b)
55	(a)	56	(d)	57	(d)	58	(a)	59	(c)	60	(d)
61	(b)	62	(b)	63	(a)	64	(c)	65	(c)	66	(b)
67	(a)	68	(d)	69	(a)	70	(b)	71	(b)	72	(c)
73	(a)	74	(b)	75	(b)	76	(b)	77	(c)	78	(c)
79	(d)	80	(b)	81	(a)	82	(c)	83	(a)	84	(b)
85	(a)	86	(b)	87	(c)	88	(a)	89	(a)	90	(b)
91	(a)	92	(d)	93	(d)	94	(a)	95	(b)	96	(c)
97	(c)	98	(c)	99	(d)	100	(e)	101	(e)	102	(b)
103	(c)	104	(b)	105	(d)	106	(c)				

PAST YEAR QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS OF DECEMBER 2012

1. _____ Taj Mahal is situated in Agra. Fill in the blank using correct article.
 - (a) A
 - (b) An
 - (c) The
 - (d) None of the above.
2. The passive voice of the sentence 'I killed a snake' is:
 - (a) I have killed a snake
 - (b) A snake is killed
 - (c) A snake was killed by me
 - (d) A snake has been killed by me.
3. Which one of the following is a definite article and is always specific?
 - (a) The
 - (b) A
 - (c) An
 - (d) None of the above
4. Which one of the following is used to enclose certain contents which the writer sets out apart so that the flow of the sentence is not interrupted?
 - (a) Brackets
 - (b) Quotation marks
 - (c) Comma
 - (d) Colon
5. Which of the following is an example of present indefinite tense?
 - (a) I went to office yesterday.
 - (b) I go to office everyday
 - (c) I had been to office
 - (d) I am going to office

6. The apostrophe (') is used to:
 - (a) Denote possession and other kind of relationship
 - (b) Introduce direct speech
 - (c) Join words and sentences
 - (d) Point out the reader's attention forward
7. The object in the sentence 'Ram opened the door' is:
 - (a) Ram
 - (b) Opened
 - (c) The
 - (d) Door
8. What does the prefix 'poly' in the word polygon denotes?
 - (a) Huge
 - (b) Small
 - (c) Many
 - (d) Single
9. Which one of the following prefixes express contempt, disapproved, bad or wrong?
 - (a) Status prefix
 - (b) Derivative prefix
 - (c) Pejorative prefix
 - (d) Place prefix
10. Which one of the following sentences is grammatically correct?
 - (a) I will be go to school
 - (b) I go to school daily
 - (c) I will go to school yesterday
 - (d) I goes to school
11. Identify the correctly spelt word:
 - (a) Occasion
 - (b) Occassion
 - (c) Ocassion
 - (d) Occasoin
12. The abbreviation 'E&OE' stands for:
 - (a) Errors and Omitted Errors
 - (b) Expected and Omitted errors
 - (c) Errors and Omissions excepted
 - (d) Exceptions and omissions encountered.

13. The proverb "apparel often proclaims the man" means:
 - (a) Clothes are everything
 - (b) You judge a man's worth by his clothes
 - (c) Apparels are expensive
 - (d) None of the above.
14. Fax is the abbreviation of:
 - (a) Fascimile
 - (b) Fascile
 - (c) Fascicle
 - (d) Fiscal
15. What does the idiom 'to split hairs' mean?
 - (a) Argue on major points
 - (b) Argue on minor points
 - (c) Not to argue
 - (d) Brainstorming
16. 'Expired' is a synonym of:
 - (a) Illegal
 - (b) Lapsed
 - (c) Dishonoured
 - (d) Matured
17. Who is called a 'Connoisseur'?
 - (a) One who gives friendly help
 - (b) One who performs gymnastic feats
 - (c) An expert judge in the matter of taste
 - (d) A member of royal family of taste
18. A word opposite to another word:
 - (a) Antonym
 - (b) Synonym
 - (c) Homophones
 - (d) Idiom
19. _____ err is human, _____ forgive is divine.
 - (a) One
 - (b) To
 - (c) Into
 - (d) From
20. Who is philanthropist?
 - (a) One who gives friendly help
 - (b) One who is master of his words.
 - (c) One who is dissatisfied and inclined to rebel
 - (d) One who seeks to promote the welfare of others especially by donating money for good causes.

21. Which one of the following is the antonym of the word 'bankrupt'?
- (a) Solvent
 - (b) Despair
 - (c) Expensive
 - (d) All of the above
22. What is meant by '*ab initio*'?
- (a) List of additions
 - (b) From the Origin
 - (c) From the beginning
 - (d) According to value
23. The expression 'to formally put an end to' means:
- (a) Abolish
 - (b) Abandon
 - (c) Excerpt
 - (d) None of the above
24. The Latin word 'Bona fide' means:
- (a) Stranger
 - (b) In good faith
 - (c) Colleague
 - (d) None of the above
25. A person chosen by disputing parties to settle their differences is called:
- (a) Agent
 - (b) Partner
 - (c) Arbitrator
 - (d) Owner
26. The process by which green plants prepare their own food is known as:
- (a) Photosynthesis
 - (b) Symbiosis
 - (c) Perspiration
 - (d) Bio chemistry
27. One who calculates insurance and annuity premium is known as —
- (a) Investor
 - (b) Insurer
 - (c) Actuary
 - (d) Atheist

SOLUTIONS OF DECEMBER 2012

1. (c) **The Taj Mahal** is situated in Agra.
2. (c) The passive voice of the sentence 'I killed a snake' is "**A snake was killed by me**".
3. (a) **The** is a definite article and is always specific.
4. (a) **Brackets** are used to enclose certain contents which the writer sets out a part so that flow of the sentence is not interrupted.
5. (b) Example of present Indefinite tense is **I go to office everyday**.
6. (a) The apostrophe (') is used to **Denote possession and other kind of relationship**.
7. (d) The Object in the sentence 'Ram opened the door' is **door**. Object is described as a noun in sentence. Hence, Object is the "door".
8. (c) Prefix 'poly' in the word polygon denotes **Many**.
9. (c) **Pejorative prefix** express contempt, disapproved bad on wrong.
10. (b) '**I go to school daily**' is a grammatically correct sentence.
11. (a) The correct spelling among the following option is **occasion**.
12. (c) The Abbreviation 'E & OE' stands for **Errors and Omission Excepted** as this abbreviation is used in Invoices, or any document related to figures.
13. (b) The proverb " apparel often proclaims the man" means that **you judge a man's worth by his clothes**. Thus means that man's status can be judged by his dressing sense and his attitude.
14. (a) Fax is the abbreviation of **Fascimile**.
15. (b) The idiom "to split hairs' means to **argue on minor points**.
16. (b) The Synonym of expired is "**Lapsed**".
17. (c) Connoisseur is a person who is an **expert judge in the matter of taste**.
18. (a) A word opposite to another word is called an **Antonym**.
19. (b) **To err** is human
To forgive is divine
20. (d) **Philanthropist**: One who seeks to promote the welfare of the others especially donating money for good causes.

21. (a) Antonym of word 'bankrupt' is **Solvent**.
22. (c) Meaning of word '*ab initio*' is "**from the beginning**".
23. (a) Meaning of the sentence is 'to formally put an end to' is to **Abolish**.
24. (b) Latin word 'Bona fide' means "In good faith".
25. (c) A person chosen by disputing parties to settle their differences is called an **Arbitrator**.
26. (a) The process by which green plants prepare their own food is known as **Photosynthesis**.
27. (c) One who calculates insurance and annuity premium is known as **Actuary**.

QUESTIONS OF JUNE 2013

1. Which one of the following is grammatically correct?
 - (a) I bought three dozens bananas
 - (b) I bought three dozen bananas
 - (c) I bought three dozens banana
 - (d) I bought three dozen banana.
2. Don't worry we are prepared _____ anything. Which one of the following is the correct preposition to fill-in the blank space?
 - (a) By
 - (b) From
 - (c) To
 - (d) For
3. Ram scored overall 99% marks. No other student of his class could do this. On the basis of his performance we may say:
 - (a) Ram is an intelligent student of his class
 - (b) Ram is more intelligent student in his class
 - (c) Ram is the most intelligent student of his class
 - (d) Ram is one of the more intelligent boys of his class.
4. A remedy for all diseases or difficulties is called:
 - (a) Panacea
 - (b) Concrete
 - (c) Numismatics
 - (d) Philistine.

5. The quality of expressing much in few words is known as:
(a) Exigency (b) Brevity
(c) Apprises (d) None of the above.
6. The place where an aeroplane is housed is known as:
(a) Shed (b) Yard
(c) Cold storage (d) Hangar.
7. A person who seeks to promote the welfare of poor by donating money is known as:
(a) Benefactor (b) Philanthropist
(c) Collaborator (d) Ornithologist.
8. The Latin phrase mutatis mutandis stands for:
(a) With the necessary changes
(b) A way of doing something
(c) A deadlock
(d) Privilege entails responsibility.
9. The term 'subjudice' means:
(a) Not to be considered by judiciary
(b) Under judicial consideration
(c) Prohibited by law
(d) None of the above.

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1. (b) The sentence "I bought three dozen bananas" is grammatically correct.
2. (d) Don't worry we are prepared **for** any thing is the correct preposition.
3. (c) Ram scored overall 99% marks. No other student of his class could do this. On the basis of his performance we can say that - **Ram is the most intelligent student of his class.**
4. (a) A remedy for all diseases or difficulties is called **Panacea.**
5. (b) The quality of expressing much in few words is known as **Brevity.** It means saying something in brief.
6. (d) The place where an aeroplane is housed is known as **Hangar.**

7. (b) A person who seeks to promote the welfare of poor by donating money is known as **philanthropist**.
8. (a) The Latin phrase mutatis mutandis stands for-**with the necessary changes**.
9. (b) The term 'Subjudice' means-**under judicial consideration**.

QUESTIONS OF DECEMBER 2013

1. Which of the following is main function of an Apostrophe (')?
 - (a) To point the reader's attention forward
 - (b) To separate two or more independent clauses
 - (c) To denote possession and other kinds of relationship
 - (d) To link contracting statements.
2. Which of the following is a definite article?
 - (a) A
 - (b) An
 - (c) The
 - (d) All of the above.
3. Which of the following is passive voice of "Shahjahan built Taj Mahal"?
 - (a) Taj Mahal is built by Shahjahan.
 - (b) Taj Mahal was built by Shahjahan.
 - (c) Taj Mahal was build by Shahjahan.
 - (d) Taj Mahal built by Shahjahan.
4. Which of the following is grammatically correct?
 - (a) A snake was kill by me.
 - (b) You are request to come daily.
 - (c) Company Secretaries are also known as governance professionals.
 - (d) Mahesh is more intelligent student of the class.
5. _____ means incapable of making mistakes.
 - (a) Intelligent
 - (b) Infallible
 - (c) Incongruous
 - (d) Indispensable

6. 'To play second fiddle' means:
 - (a) To play the violin
 - (b) To meddle with something
 - (c) To take a subordinate part
 - (d) To cheat.
7. The meaning of Latin phrase *ab initio* is:
 - (a) From the origin
 - (b) From the beginning
 - (c) From the middle
 - (d) From the ages.

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1. (c) The main function of an Apostrophe (') is
 - (i) To denote possession and other kinds of relationship.
 - (ii) Contraction of words.
2. (c) 'The' is the definite article and is always specific referring to a definite or only thing person or entity. It is also used to indicate specificity and uniqueness.
3. (b) Passive voice of "Shahjahan built Taj Mahal" is "**Taj Mahal was built by Shahjahan.**"
4. (c) Grammatically correct statements are as follows:
 - (a) A snake was **killed** by me.
 - (b) You are **requested** to come daily.
 - (c) Mahesh is **the most** intelligent student of the class.Thus, **option C** is grammatically correct.
5. (b) **Infallible** means incapable of making mistakes.
6. (c) 'To play second fiddle' means – **to take a subordinate part.**
7. (b) The meaning of Latin phrase 'ab initio' is '**from the beginning**'.

QUESTIONS OF JUNE 2014

1. Correct definition of noun is:
 - (a) It indicates some action
 - (b) It indicates some quality

- (c) It is the name of any person, place or thing
(d) None of the above.
2. _____ is used to denote possession and other kinds of relationship.
(a) Full stop
(b) Comma
(c) Hyphen
(d) Apostrophe
3. Advise is a _____.
(a) Noun
(b) Verb
(c) Conjunction
(d) Preposition.
4. If a sentence contains only one finite verb, it is called.
(a) Complex sentence
(b) Compound sentence
(c) Simple sentence
(d) Paragraph
5. Opposite of word "Absolute":
(a) Complete (b) Limited
(c) Present (d) All of the above.
6. Choose the correct spelling:
(a) Ocassion (b) Occasion
(c) Occasion (d) Occassion
7. What are these: principal - Principle, Access-excess etc.
(a) Synonyms (b) Antonyms
(c) Homonyms (d) None of the above.
8. Write the full form of Ph. D:
(a) Philosophy Doctor (b) Philosophie Doctor
(c) Philosophiae Doctor (d) None of the above.
9. A remedy for all diseases or difficulties is called:
(a) Panacea (b) Concrete
(c) Numismatics (d) Phistine

10. Meaning of the word 'to take a leap in the dark'.
 - (a) not to be reckless and impulsive
 - (b) take an action i.e. risked in the hope that it is correct.
 - (c) to fall in the dark
 - (d) to get a ray of hope
11. What is the meaning of word 'Thrive'?
 - (a) Prosper
 - (b) Bold
 - (c) Flourish
 - (d) Both (a) and (c)
12. How many syllable are there in two words:- satisfaction and satiation ?
 - (a) One
 - (b) Two
 - (c) Three
 - (d) Four
13. 'To flag a dead horse' means:
 - (a) To make something less effective
 - (b) To be accepted satisfactorily
 - (c) Waste one's energies on a lost cause
 - (d) To prejudice another person
14. 'Exempli Gratia' is a:
 - (a) Latin word
 - (b) French word
 - (c) Greek word
 - (d) None of the above
15. The quality of expressing much in few words is known as:
 - (a) Exigency
 - (b) Brevity
 - (c) Apprises
 - (d) None of the above.
16. What is the meaning of "Audacious"?
 - (a) Bold
 - (b) Strong
 - (c) Weak
 - (d) None of the above

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1. (c) The correct definition of noun is: "**Noun is the name of any person, place or thing**". Hence, option (c) is correct.
2. (d) **An apostrophe** is used to denote possession and other kinds of relationship. **For e.g.:** It was the Court's order.
3. (b) Advise is a **verb** because verb indicates action. Advise offer suggestions about the best course of action to someone. **For e.g.:** "I **advised** him to go home".

4. (c) **Simple sentence** contains one finite verb and can make only one complete statement.
5. (b) The opposite of word “Absolute” is “**Limited**”. Hence, option (b) is correct.
6. (b) The correct spelling of the word is “occasion” Thus, **option (b)** is correct.
7. (c) “Principal-Principle”, “Access-Excess” etc. are **Homonyms** because these are several pairs or groups of words that are similar in sound but are different in spelling and meaning.
Thus, **option (c)** is correct.
8. (c) The full form of Ph. D. is **Philosophiae Doctor** which means Doctor (or Doctorate) of Philosophy.
Thus **option (c)** is correct.
9. (a) A remedy for all diseases or difficulties is called panacea.
Thus **option (a)** is correct.
10. (b) The word, “to take a leap in the dark” means to take an action i.e., risked in the hope that it is correct.
Thus **option (b)** is correct.
11. (d) Thrive means to prosper and flourish.
Thus answer is **both (a) and (c)**
12. (d) A syllable is a minimum rhythmic sound of spoken language.
thus, the words - satisfaction and satictation have **four** syllables.
13. (d) “To flog a dead horse” **means “to prejudice another person”**.
14. (a) ‘Exempli Gratia’ is a **latin word**.
15. (b) The quality of expressing much in few words is known as **Brevity**.
It means saying something in brief.
16. (a) Audacious means **bold**.

QUESTION OF DECEMBER 2014

1. It is used to denote possession and other kinds of relationship and contradictions of:
 - (a) Comma
 - (b) The Hyphen

- (c) An Apostrophe
- (d) Full Stop.
- 2. Which of the following is the abbreviate of latin abbreviation-e.g.
 - (a) Exempli gratia
 - (b) Exm gratia
 - (c) Exem gratia
 - (d) Example granted.
- 3. Which of the following is the meaning of the word “Audacious”?
 - (a) Weak
 - (b) Bold
 - (c) Scared
 - (d) Joy
- 4. Identify the correct spelling:
 - (a) Ocassion
 - (b) Occasion
 - (c) Occasion
 - (d) Occassion
- 5. “Out of the frying pan into the fire” means:
 - (a) It is easy
 - (b) From one kitchen to another
 - (c) From one trouble to another bigger trouble
 - (d) From one place to another.

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- 1. (c) ‘**Apostrophe**’ (’) is used to denote possession and other kinds of relationship. E.g. This is Walters’ Book.
- 2. (a) An abbreviation is a short way of writing a word or a phrase that could also be written out in full. The abbreviate of Latin word-e.g. stands for **exempli gratia**.
- 3. (b) Meaning of the word:
“**Audacious**” - **Bold**, daring
- 4. (c) Correct spelling is “**Occasion**”
- 5. (c) Proverb:
“Out of the frying pan into the fire” means **from one trouble to another big trouble**.

QUESTION OF JUNE 2015

1. It is used to link words to form a compound word:
(a) Slash (b) Full stop
(c) Hyphen (d) Comma.
2. Which of the following is the meaning of the word "fastidious"?
(a) foolish (b) funny
(c) fussy (d) dead.
3. A syllable is the minimum rhythmic sound of a spoken language. How many syllables are there in retribution, satisfaction and transatlantic?
(a) Four (b) Three
(c) Two (d) One.
4. What is meant by '*ab initio*'?
(a) From the beginning (b) From the end
(c) According to value (d) List of additions.
5. Which of the following is the meaning of the phrase "To mind one's P's and Q's"?
(a) Mind one's own behaviour
(b) Ill treatment
(c) To be punctiliously careful about one's speech or behavior
(d) To be careful.
6. Which of the following is the correct meaning of the word "manifestation"?
(a) Using or showing judgement
(b) Level of worthiness
(c) Outward or perceptible indication
(d) Lasting for an indefinitely long time.

SOLUTION OF JUNE 2015

1. (c) Hyphen is usually used to link words to form a compound word for example get-together, hand-picked.
2. (c) Fastidious = **Fussy**

3. (a) A syllable is the minimum rhythmic sound of spoken language. For example, there is only one syllable in name, fame etc., two in confess and **four** in satisfaction and transatlantic.
4. (a) "Ab initio" means **from the beginning**.
5. (a) To mind one's P's and Q's (to be punctiliously careful about one's speech or behaviours): The manager suspects his chief clerk of dishonesty, and if the clerk does not mind his P's and Q's, he will soon find himself out of job.
6. (c) Manifestation = **outward or perceptible indication**.

QUESTIONS OF DECEMBER 2015

1. It links words to form compound word:
 - (a) The comma
 - (b) Full stop
 - (c) Both (a) and (b)
 - (d) The Hyphen
2. Advice is a _____?
 - (a) Article
 - (b) Verb
 - (c) Noun
 - (d) Pronoun
3. Which of the following is the meaning of the word idiom?
 - (a) Join words or even sentences conveying related ideas
 - (b) The shortened form of a word, phrase or text
 - (c) A literal translation of two - word combination
 - (d) None of the above
4. What is the meaning of "Audacious"?
 - (a) Bold
 - (b) Strong
 - (c) Weak
 - (d) All are applicable
5. Meaning of Idiom "to build castles in the air":
 - (a) day dreaming
 - (b) To win favours by gifts
 - (c) To have to humiliate oneself
 - (d) To issue a challenge

6. What do you understand by 'one strikes while iron is hot'?
 - (a) To extend
 - (b) To take immediate advantage of an opportunity
 - (c) To fall into a trap
 - (d) Both (a) and (b)
7. What do you understand by 'esprit de corps'?
 - (a) Team spirit
 - (b) Animating spirit
 - (c) Group of people accompanying
 - (d) All are applicable
8. Idioms "to make amends":
 - (a) To change
 - (b) Make up for a wrong doing
 - (c) Both (a) and (b)
 - (d) None of the above

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1. (d) **Hyphen** helps in forming compound words. Example: ex-partner.
2. (c) Advice is a **noun** and the end-sound is 's'.
3. (c) A group of word established by the usage having meaning not deductible from the individual word. **A literal transaction of two word combination** is called idiom.
4. (a) Meaning of 'Audacious' is **Bold**.
5. (a) Meaning of idiom 'to build castles in the air' is **day-dreaming**.
6. (b) The meaning of 'One strikes while iron is hot' **is to take immediate advantage of an opportunity**.
7. (b) The meaning of french phrase 'Esprit de corps'- The **animating spirit** of a particular group like a regiment.
8. (b) The meaning of Idiom 'to make amends' is to compensate or **make up for a wrong doing**.

QUESTIONS OF JUNE 2016

1. It is used to link words to form a compound word.
 - (a) Hyphen
 - (b) Full Stop
 - (c) Slash
 - (d) Comma.
2. The part of speech that is used to name or identify a person, place, thing, quality, or action is known as:
 - (a) Noun
 - (b) Adverb
 - (c) Pronoun
 - (d) Adjective.
3. Which of the following is the full form of Latin abbreviation _____ i.e.?
 - (a) Idest
 - (b) I st
 - (c) That is
 - (d) I est.
4. Which of the following is the correct meaning of the idiom “To keep the wolf from the door”?
 - (a) To be silent about one’s intentions
 - (b) To discourage something
 - (c) To keep away extreme poverty and hunger
 - (d) To get into difficulty.
5. Which of the following is the opposite of the word “Bold”?
 - (a) Unlimited
 - (b) Timid
 - (c) Outrageous
 - (d) Limited.

SOLUTIONS OF JUNE - 2016

1. (a) **Hyphen** is used to link words to form a compound word. It is used between words to clarify meaning. The use of hyphen varies in different places.

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2. (a) The part of speech that is used to name or identify a person, place, thing, quality, or actions is known as **noun**. It is one of the eight classes of part of speech in English.
3. (a) The full form of i.e. the latin abbreviations is “**id est**” “which means that is more precisely”. It is commonly used to refine a general statement or provide additional information.
4. (c) The meaning of the idiom, “To keep the wolf from the door” is **to keep away extreme poverty and hunger**.
5. (b) “**Timid**” is the opposite of the word “**Bold**” Antonym is a word opposite or contrary in meaning to another word.

QUESTIONS OF DECEMBER - 2016

1. It is used to link words to form a compound word:
 - (a) Comma
 - (b) Hyphen
 - (c) Slash
 - (d) Full stop.
2. “A set of forms taken by a verb to indicate the time (and sometimes the continuance or completeness) of the action in relation to the time of the utterance” , is the meaning that the concise Oxford Dictionary assigns to the word:
 - (a) Tense
 - (b) Noun
 - (c) Pronoun
 - (d) Verb
3. Which of the following is not true about jargon?
 - (a) Jargon should be preferred in formal communication
 - (b) Jargon is the language special to science, technology, art trade or a profession.
 - (c) Jargon can be military jargon, political jargon, management jargon etc.
 - (d) Private jargon should be avoided in general communication.

4. Which of the following is the correct meaning of the idiom “To Cry over spilt/spilled milk?”
- (a) Day dreaming
 - (b) Try to flatter
 - (c) To discourage something
 - (d) To Complain about things that cannot be changed.

SOLUTIONS OF DECEMBER - 2016

1. (b) **Hyphen:** It is used between words to clarify meaning. It also links words to form a compound word.
The use of **hyphen** varies in different places; therefore there are no complete set of rules that can be applied to use of hyphen.
2. (a) “A set of forms taken by a verb to indicate the time and sometimes the continuance or completeness of the action in relation to the time of the utterance” is the meaning that the concise Oxford Dictionary assigns to the word “**TENSE**”.
The word ‘tense’ comes from latin word tempus, meaning time.
3. (d) **Jargon:** Means a language that is unique to particular field, science or profession. There is for instance legal jargon, political jargon, military jargon.
Jargon should be avoided in general communication.
4. (d) To cry over spilt/spilled milk:
(To complain about things that cannot be changed)
Eg: We have failed to build up a sizeable total against England’s first innings meagre total. It is no use crying over spilt milk now.

QUESTIONS OF JUNE 2017

1. “A set of forms taken by a verb to indicate the time (and sometimes the continuance or completeness) of the action in relation to the time of the utterance” is the meaning that the Concise Oxford Dictionary assigns to the word.

- (a) Tense
 - (b) Pronoun
 - (c) Verb
 - (d) Noun
2. The word "Advice" is a _____.
- (a) Noun
 - (b) Article
 - (c) Preposition
 - (d) Verb.
3. It is used to denote possession and other kinds of relationship and contractions of words:
- (a) A full stop
 - (b) A comma
 - (c) An Apostrophe
 - (d) A hyphen
4. The french abbreviation "adj" means:
- (a) Adverb
 - (b) Adjective
 - (c) Adjourn
 - (d) Adjunct.
5. Which of the following is the meaning of the idiom "cut off with a shilling"?
- (a) To loose respect
 - (b) To reject, to throw aside
 - (c) To give someone a mere trifle in the will
 - (d) To depreciate.

SOLUTIONS OF JUNE 2017

1. (a) "A set of forms taken by a verb to indicate the time (and sometimes the continuance or completeness) of the action in relation to the time of the utterance"; is the meaning that the Concise Oxford Dictionary assigns to the word '**Tense**'. The word tense comes from Latin word tempus, meaning time. Hence, we may define Tense as that form of a verb which shows the time and the state of an action or event.

2. (d) **Advise:** Advise is a **verb** and the end sound is-z.
Eg:- My father advised me to work hard.
3. (c) **An Apostrophe (')** is used
 - (i) to denote possession and other kinds of relationship.
Eg: This is Walter's book.
 - (ii) contractions of words.
Eg: It was the Court's order.
Isn't (is not) it a great day?
Can't (cannot) you come today?
O'er (over) the hills.
Possession and other kinds of relationship.
4. (b) **adj.: Adjective.** Hence, **option b** is correct.
5. (c) ***Cut off with a shilling (to give someone a mere trifle in the will)***
Eg: The father was so angry with the son over his marriage that he *cut him off with a shilling.*

QUESTIONS OF DECEMBER 2017

1. It is a morpheme (minimal meaning language unit) added at the end of a word to form a derivative:
 - (a) Suffix
 - (b) Interjection
 - (c) Conjunction
 - (d) Prefix
2. The part of speech that is used to name or identify a person, place, thing or action is known as:
 - (a) Adverb
 - (b) Adjective
 - (c) Pronoun
 - (d) Noun
3. RSVP is the abbreviation of the French words *repondez sil vous plait* and means:

(a) Reply if you please	(b) Please come
(c) Please	(d) Invitation

4. Which of the following is the correct meaning of the Indian “To get the upper hand or to get the better of”?
 - (a) To become someone’s responsibility
 - (b) To be defeated in every contest
 - (c) To Prevail over
 - (d) To urge on
5. Which of the following is the meaning of the word ‘Insidious’?
 - (a) Funny
 - (b) Innocent
 - (c) Cunning
 - (d) Foolish

SOLUTIONS OF DECEMBER 2017

1. (a) Any word added at the end of a word to form a derivative is called a **suffix**.
2. (d) **Noun** is a name of a person, place or thing or action or animal.
3. (a) The French abbreviation means:
Reply if you please.
4. (c) ‘To get the Upper hand or to get the better off’ means ‘To get into a stronger position’ than someone else so that you are controlling the situation.
5. (c) Insidious - proceeding in subtle way with harmful effects.

QUESTION OF JUNE 2018

1. Ram scored overall 99% marks. No other students of his class could do this. On the basis of his performance we may say:
 - (a) Ram is an intelligent student of his class
 - (b) Ram is more intelligent student in his class
 - (c) Ram is the most intelligent student of his class
 - (d) Ram is one of the more intelligent boys in his class.
2. A remedy for all diseases or difficulties is called:
 - (a) Panacea
 - (b) Concrete

- (c) Numismatics
- (d) Philistine
- 3. The quality of expressing much in few words is known as:
 - (a) Exigency
 - (b) Brevity
 - (c) Apprises
 - (d) None of the above.
- 4. The place where an airplane is housed is known as:
 - (a) Shed
 - (b) Yard
 - (c) Cold storage
 - (d) Hangar
- 5. A person who seeks to promote the welfare of poor by donating money is known as:
 - (a) Benefactor
 - (b) Philanthropist
 - (c) Collaborator
 - (d) Ornithologist
- 6. The Latin phrase *mutatis mutandis* stands for:
 - (a) With the necessary changes
 - (b) A way of doing something
 - (c) A deadlock
 - (d) Privilege initials responsibility
- 7. The term 'subjudice' means:
 - (a) Not to be considered by judiciary
 - (b) Under judicial consideration
 - (c) Prohibited by law
 - (d) None of the above

SOLUTION OF JUNE 2018

- 1. (c) Ram is the most intelligent boy in the class because he scored overall 99% in the class and no one can do this.
- 2. (a) One word for remedy of all disease or difficulties is called Panacea.
- 3. (b) Brevity is the most important quality of business letter which means quality of expressing much in few words.
- 4. (d) The place where Airplane is housed is known as Hangar.
- 5. (b) Person who seeks to promote the welfare of poor by donating Money is known as Philanthropist and person who don't seeks to promote welfare of poor is Misanthropist.

6. (a) *Mutuatis Mutandis* stands for with the necessary charges.
7. (b) The term 'Subjudice' means under judicial consideration.

QUESTIONS OF DECEMBER 2018

1. _____ are those that denote the meaning of removing something or depriving something or someone?
 - (a) Reversative Prefix
 - (b) Pejorative Prefix
 - (c) Time Prefix
 - (d) Derivative Prefix
2. Which punctuation is used to separate sentences?
 - (a) Comma
 - (b) Full stop
 - (c) Hyphen
 - (d) Space
3. To build castle in the air means:
 - (a) Looking backward
 - (b) Day dreaming
 - (c) Either (a) or (b)
 - (d) Neither (a) nor (b)

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1. (d) **Derivative Prefix** are those that denote the meaning of removing something or depriving something or someone.
2. (d) **Space** is used to separate words, sentence, etc.
3. (b) To build castle in the air means **Day dreaming**.

QUESTIONS OF JUNE 2019

1. Which of the following is main function of an Apostrophe (')?
 - (a) To point the reader's attention forward
 - (b) To separate two more independent clauses

- (c) To denote possession and other kinds of relationship
 - (d) To link contracting statements
2. Which of the following is a definite article?
 - (a) A
 - (b) An
 - (c) The
 - (d) All of the above
 3. Which of the following is passive voice of "Shahjahan built Taj Mahal"?
 - (a) Taj Mahal is built by Shahjahan.
 - (b) Taj Mahal was built by Shahjahan.
 - (c) Taj Mahal was build by Shahjahan.
 - (d) Taj Mahal built by Shahjahan.
 4. Which of the following is grammatically correct?
 - (a) A Snake was kill by me.
 - (b) You are request to come daily.
 - (c) Company Secretaries are also known as governance professionals.
 - (d) Mahesh is more intelligent student of the class.
 5. "To Play Second Fiddle" means:
 - (a) To play with violin
 - (b) To meddle with something
 - (c) To take a subordinate part
 - (d) To cheat
 6. _____ means incapable of making mistakes.
 - (a) Intelligent
 - (b) Infallible
 - (c) Incongruous
 - (d) Indispensable
 7. The meaning of Latin phrase *ab initio* is:
 - (a) From the origin
 - (b) From the beginning
 - (c) From the middle
 - (d) From the ages

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1. (c) Apostrophe (') main function –
To denote possession and other kinds of relationship.
2. (c) **'The'** is used to denote a particular noun and is a definite article.
3. (b) **'Taj Mahal was built by Shahjahan'** is a passive statement.
4. (c) **Company Secretaries are also known as governance professionals** is absolutely grammatically correct.
5. (c) "To Play Second Fiddle" means –
To take a subordinate part
6. (b) **'Infallible'** means incapable of making mistakes.
7. (b) *ab initio* - **from the beginning.**

QUESTION OF DECEMBER 2019

1. 'Advice' is:
 - (a) Pronoun
 - (b) Article
 - (c) Noun
 - (d) None
2. 'To keep the wolf from the door':
 - (a) To bring to sudden end
 - (b) To unite in order to achieve a shared aim
 - (c) To keep away extreme poverty and hunger
 - (d) To make a great fuss about a trifle.
3. What contain home truth as well as universal truth?
 - (a) Proverb
 - (b) Adjective
 - (c) Verb
 - (d) Phrases

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1. (c) Homonyms are several pairs or groups of words have similar sound.
For example:
Advice – Advise
Where; Advice is a noun the end sound is – s.
Advise is a verb and end sound is – z.
2. (c) Keep the wolf from the door means have enough money to avert hunger or starvation (used hyperbolically).
3. (a) Proverbs contains home truths as well as universal truths. Naturally, therefore, they are translatable so far as their meaning goes from one developed language to another.
For e.g. – “Well begun is half done”.

QUESTIONS OF AUGUST 2020

1. Three words out of four are homophones.
Find the odd one out.
 - (a) Praise
 - (b) Prays
 - (c) Prise
 - (d) Preys
2. Choose the sentence which has been correctly punctuated?
 - (a) We stayed in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, Indore, Madhya Pradesh; Surpur, Karnataka; before going to Delhi.
 - (b) We stayed in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, Indore Madhya Pradesh, Surpur, Karnataka, before going to Delhi.
 - (c) We stayed in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan: Indore, Madhya Pradesh: Surpur, Karnataka: before going to Delhi.
 - (d) We stayed in Jaisalmer: Rajasthan: Indore: Madhya Pradesh, Surpur: Karnataka, before going to Delhi.
3. Which of the following is the correct revision of the sentence?
Neither my friend nor my companion agree to walk to the office

- (a) Neither my friend nor my companion agree to walk to the office
(b) Neither my friend nor my companions agrees to walk to the office
(c) Neither my friends nor my companion agree to walk to their office
(d) Neither my friends nor my companions agree to walk to the office.
4. Complete the given sentence with the correct choice:
I don't have a car I wish_____.
- (a) I would have one
(b) I can be having a car
(c) I could have had a car
(d) I was having a car
5. Given below are synonyms of 'Sadness'.
Find the odd one out:
- (a) Woe
(b) Happiness
(c) Desolation
(d) Sorrow.
6. Choose the right foreign word/phrase to fill in the blank:
The manager did not accept his suggestion; so the situation remains_____.
- (a) Pro bono
(b) Prima donna
(c) Status symbol
(d) Status quo.
7. Complete the proverb:
A rolling stone_____.
- (a) makes many loans
(b) is soon gone by
(c) gathers no moss
(d) breaks bones
8. The word 'Screen' means both hide and show. Select the sentences in which both the meanings are illustrated correctly.
- (a) The security guards screened the luggage on their screens very carefully.
(b) The movie was screened on the screen, in the newly built theatre.

- (c) The screen screened the A rated movie to a mixed audience of adults.
- (d) Hussain bi screened her face with her hijab during the screening of her movie.
9. Use the given clue and fill in the blanks with the correct idioms/phrases
We were asked to present the case _____ (using few words).
- (a) in the driver's seat
(b) in a nutshell
(c) in full swing
(d) as a long shot
10. Fill in the blanks with the synonym of the word given in brackets.
She was _____ (dismayed) with the poor performance for her students.
- (a) Destroyed
(b) Divested
(c) Dismembered
(d) Disappointed.
11. Rearrange the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph.
1. While handing me a small pouch, he said, "This is all the money I have and I want to give it to you for liberating children so that they can go to School."
 2. His gesture was simple yet very powerful.
 3. He had just witnessed a meeting on the power of education, across the street, from the dhaba he worked at.
 4. During the march, in a small town called Pilkhuwa in Uttar Pradesh, a child labourer of about 10 years of age approached me.
- (a) 2143
(b) 1324
(c) 3241
(d) 4312.
12. Arrange the jumbled sentence in the right orders.
On a Saturday Morning.
- (a) a series of bizarre events
(b) occurred aboard the
(c) luxury liner S. S. Bretagne

- (d) in early August in 1969
- (e) fifty-five thousand-ton
 - (a) A B C E D
 - (b) D A B E C
 - (c) A B E C D
 - (d) A B C D E.

Read the passage and answer the following questions below:

(13-15)

In economics, inflation is a sustained increase in the general price level of goods and services in an economy over a period of time. When the general prices level rises, each unit of currency buys fewer goods and services; consequently, inflation reflects a reduction in the purchasing power per unit of money - a loss of real value in the medium of exchange and unit of account within the economy. The common measure of inflation is the inflation rate. Economists generally believe that very high rates of inflation and hyperinflation are caused by an excessive growth of the money supply. Low or moderate inflation may be attributed to fluctuations in real demand for goods and services, or changes in available supplies such as during scarcities. The apposite of inflation is deflation, a sustained decrease in the general price level of goods and services.

13. Fluctuation in supply and demand leads to:
 - (a) hyperinflation
 - (b) deflation
 - (c) moderate inflation
 - (d) high inflation.
14. When there is inflation, the value of currency units:
 - (a) increases
 - (b) sustains
 - (c) decrease
 - (d) does not change.
15. Growth of money supply result in _____.
 - (a) deflation
 - (b) high inflation rate
 - (c) low inflation rate
 - (d) moderate inflation rate

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1. (c) Praise, Prays, Prise, Preys
'Prise' is odd one out because 'prise' does not sound same as other three sound.
2. (a) Colon (:) or semi-colon(;) will not find a place between the lines only comma (,) will be used as a punctuation.
3. (d) Correct revision of a sentence
Neither my friends nor my companions agree to walk to the office.
4. (a) I don't have a car, I wish I would have one.
5. (b) Synonyms of 'sadness'
Sadness: Woe, Desolation, Sorrow
'Happiness' is not a synonym of sadness so happiness is odd one.
It is an opposite.
6. (d) **Status quo:** The existing condition i.e. no change is solicited.
7. (c) A rolling stone gathers no moss
Meaning: People who keep moving avoid picking up responsibilities and cares.
8. (c) The word 'screen' has to be used to hide and show both.
 - Hussain bi screened her face: Hide
 - During the screening of her movie: Show.
9. (b) Choose correct idioms/phrases
We were asked to present the case in a nutshell. i.e. in short and crispy manner.
10. (d) She was **Disappointed** (dismayed) with the poor performance for the students.
11. (d) A meaningful paragraph is made when it has a proper start followed by a proper content in the body and then a systematic ending which can be seen when we read through points 4-3-1-2.
12. (b) In order to make a meaningful sentence the jumbled statements have to be systematically joined to give a proper meaning. Hence the best option is D-A-B-E-C.

13. (c) Fluctuation in supply & demand leads to moderate inflation because it increases prices.
14. (c) Where there is inflation, the value of currency unit **decrease** because more money will now be needed to buy same commodity.
15. (b) Growth of money supply result in **high inflation rate** as prices will rise.

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1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate word.
The _____ children were _____ excited
 - (a) dancing extremely
 - (b) naughty grimly
 - (c) tactum quizzically
 - (d) practicing remorsefully
2. Choose the word that is correctly spelt
 - (a) bureiu
 - (b) beuro
 - (c) bureau
 - (d) burou
3. Choose the word that doesn't belong in the Sentence. She went to eat Pizza at a restaurant despite of her diet restrictions.
 - (a) of
 - (b) her
 - (c) diet
 - (d) a
4. Which of the following best explains the term expense
 - (a) It is the amount earned by offering a service
 - (b) It is the cost incurred in or required for something
 - (c) It is something that enhances one's credit score
 - (d) It is the difference between Profit and Loss

5. Complete the sentence with the correct option. The channel of communication should be decided _____ the composition of the message.
(a) after (b) during
(c) following (d) prior to
6. Choose the correct meaning of the Phrase "To add fuel to flame".
(a) To make a bad situation worse
(b) To burn something till it flames out
(c) To extend support in the kitchen
(d) To argue unknowingly till the end
7. Which of the following will convey the meaning of the proverb A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.
(a) One weak part will render the whole weak
(b) One weak part cannot render the whole weak
(c) One weak part will render the weak part weak
(d) One weak part in the strong chain cannot render it weak
8. Cuisine means
(a) Style of cooking (b) Signature dish
(c) Dish (d) Cooked dish
9. Fill in the blanks with a suitable option.
He is married _____ a nurse
(a) with (b) to
(c) by (d) for
10. Fill in the blanks with the correct options:
Shiva had received Nisha's two letters _____ that night. The _____ of the two seems more loyal
(a) latter, later (b) later, later
(c) latter, latter (d) later, latter
11. An IQ test measures:
(a) Innovation
(b) Ignorance
(c) Intelligence
(d) Information

12. Choose the Synonym of the given word. CONCISE
- (a) Discursive
 - (b) Lengthy
 - (c) Concentrate
 - (d) Brief
13. Fill in the blanks by selecting one of the options listed below:
A/An _____ is a guarantee given to the purchaser of an article promising to repair or replace it if required within a specified time.
- (a) Invoice
 - (b) Warranty
 - (c) Incentive
 - (d) Indent
14. Substitute one word for the given group of words.
“Extremely Unwilling to spend money”
- (a) Prodigal
 - (b) Spendthrift
 - (c) Parsimonious
 - (d) Mercenary
15. Complete the sentence with the correct option:
In the 21st Century, there was a revolutionary change in modes of communication with the advent of _____.
- (a) the railways
 - (b) the speed post
 - (c) the internet
 - (d) the air mail
16. Fill in the blanks in a way that completes the sentence:
“The death of Mary’s father, which occurred just days after her birth, put her on the throne even as an _____”.
- (a) adult
 - (b) eulogy
 - (c) infant
 - (d) endowment

17. Rearrange the following parts and choose a correct Sequence to form a meaningful sentence:
- (A) had a wise and
 - (B) of Vijaygarh
 - (C) the kingdom
 - (D) kind king
- (a) D C B A
 - (b) C B A D
 - (c) B D C A
 - (d) A C D B

Question 18 to 20 are based on passage given below:

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

“Thousands of years ago, the first man discovered how to make fire. He was probably burned at the stake he had taught his brothers to light. He was considered an evildoer who had dealt with a demon mankind dreaded. But thereafter men had fire to keep them warm, to cook their food, to light their caves. Centuries later, the first man invented the wheel. He was probably torn on the rack he had taught his brothers to build. He was considered a transgressor who ventured into forbidden territory. But thereafter, men could travel past any horizon. He had left them a gift they had not conceived and he had opened the roads of the world” The man, the unsubmissive and first, stands in the opening chapter of every legend mankind has recorded about its beginning. Prometheus was chained to a rock and torn by vultures - because he had stolen the fire of the gods. Adam was condemned to suffer - because he had eaten the fruit of the tree of knowledge. Whatever the legend. Some where in the shadows of its memory mankind knew that its glory began with one and that one paid for his courage. “Throughout the centuries there were men who took first steps down new roads armed with nothing but their own vision unborrowed, and the response they received-hatred. The great creators the thinkers, the artists, the scientists, the inventors stood alone against the men of their time. Every great new thought was opposed. Every great new invention was

denounced. The first motor was considered foolish. The airplane was considered impossible. The power loom was considered vicious. Anesthesia was considered sinful. But the men of unborrowed vision went ahead. They fought, they suffered and they paid. But they won.

18. The 'power loom' was considered
- (a) vicious
 - (b) helpful
 - (c) unlawful
 - (d) victorious
19. Which of the following words is similar in meaning to the word "Conceived" as used in the passage?
- (a) confirmed
 - (b) assessed
 - (c) believed
 - (d) devised
20. The first man who discovered how to make fire was thought to be an
- (a) Evilgiver
 - (b) Evilmaker
 - (c) Evildoer
 - (d) Evil protector
21. Choose the correct option to rearrange the sentences and make meaningful paragraph
- (A) A cousin in, possibly a year older, and me, all at the same time
 - (B) The first was already married
 - (C) The elders decided to marry my second brother, who was two or three years my senior.
 - (D) We were three brothers
- (a) C A D B
 - (b) B A C D
 - (c) B C A D
 - (d) D B C A

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1. (b) Naughty, Grimly
Naughty - Indecent
Grimly - very serious, gloomy, depressing manner
2. (c) Bureau - An office or department for transacting Particular business.
3. (a) "Despite of " is incorrect and sounds distinctly, so Remove 'of '.
4. (b) The most appropriate meaning of expenses- "cost incurred in or required for something".
5. (c) The channel following the communication should be decided **following** the composition of the message.
6. (a) "To add fuel to flame"
Meaning- to make a bad situation worse.
7. (a) 'A chain is only as strong as its weakest link'.
Meaning: It refers to personal or technical failure in a team due to one component rather than a actual chain.
8. (a) "CUISINE"
Meaning: A style or method of cooking, Specially as Characteristics of particular country, region or establishment.
9. (b) He is married **To** a nurse.
To is the most appropriate option there.
10. (d) Later, latter
Later – in the future, from this moment
Latter – when referring to the second of two persons or things mentioned previously.
11. (c) IQ- Intelligence Quotient
It is a measure of person's reasoning'.
12. (d) The most appropriate synonyms of concise in the gives words is **Brief**.
 - Given a lot of information clearly and in a few words, brief but comprehensive.

13. (b) A **warranty** is a guarantee given to the purchaser of an article promising to repair or replace it if required within a specified time.
14. (c) "Parsimony" is the extreme unwillingness to spend money.
15. (c) "The Internet"
It was revalorized communications, to the extent that it is now preferred medium of everyday communication.
16. (c) The death of Mary's father, which occurred just days after her birth, put her on the throne were as an **infant**.
Meaning of meant - denoting something in an early stage of its development of Newborn.
17. (b) The correct sequence is CBAD i.e., **The kingdom of Vijaygarh had a wise and kind king.**
18. (a) The power loom was considered vicious.
Vicious: cruel or violent.
19. (b) The word similar in meaning to the word is conceived is **Assessed**, which means to evaluate or estimate the nature ability or quality.
20. (c) According to the passage given, The first man who discovered how to make fire was thought to be an **evildoer Meaning** - it person who commits profoundly immoral 4 wicked deeds.
21. (d) The Correct sequence is DBCA
D – We were 3 Brothers
B – The first was already married
C – The elder decided to marry my second brother who was two or three years my senior
A – A cousin, possibly a year older, and me, all at the some time

QUESTIONS OF JANUARY 2021

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form
_____ you been to London?
(a) Did
(b) Do

- (c) Have
 - (d) Has
2. Fill in the blanks with the correct answer.
Did you _____ what they said about your _____?
- (a) here/hair
 - (b) hear/hair
 - (c) heir/hair
 - (d) hair/hair
3. Fill in the blanks with the correct prefix
She wanted to attend a _____ collegiate competition.
- (a) semi
 - (b) auto
 - (c) anti
 - (d) inter
4. Fill in the blanks by selecting one of the terms listed below
A market structure in which a single vendor sells a unique product in the market is defined as _____.
- (a) Oligopoly
 - (b) Douopoly
 - (c) Monopoly
 - (d) Syndicate
5. Complete the given sentence with the correct choice.
The tea is _____
- (a) too hot to drink
 - (b) too hot too drink
 - (c) to hot to drink
 - (d) to hot too drink
6. Pick out the part of the sentence that has an error. If there is no error choose option A.
The children were playing happily.
- (a) No error
 - (b) Happily

- (c) The children
(d) Were playing
7. Fill in the blanks with the antonym of the word given in brackets:
She unnecessarily feels _____ (isolated)
(a) solitary
(b) alone
(c) included
(d) excluded
8. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate one-word substitution for the highlighted words James Bond's latest car can operate both on land and sea it is _____.
(a) amorphous
(b) artificial
(c) amphibious
(d) amphitheatre
9. Pick out the correct meaning of the highlighted word, in the context of the sentence:
A brick **crashed through** the window
(a) to hit finally
(b) to hit repeatedly
(c) to hit something hard
(d) to hit completely
10. Use the given clue and fill in the blank with the correct idiom/phrase
We think that this project will be _____ (easy).
(a) an apple of the eye
(b) a piece of cake
(c) a call from the front
(d) a hot potato
11. Choose the right proverb to fit the given scenario -
I always fight with my brother. But now that he is away from home, I sorely miss him.
(a) Absence makes the heart grow fonder
(b) Actions speak louder than words

- (c) A bad workman always blames his tools
(d) A bird in hand is worth two in the bush
12. Fill in the blanks with the correctly spelt word. They sell all kinds of building _____.
- (a) meterials
(b) materiels
(c) materials
(d) matariels
13. Arrange the jumbled sentence in the right order:
He sat _____
- (A) as still as a mouse
(B) waiting to see
(C) there
(D) what would happen
- (a) BDCA
(b) ABCD
(c) ACBD
(d) CABD
14. Choose the correct sequence and make the right answer accordingly.
- (A) The nets were big and strong
(B) The next morning
(C) Very soon all the fish were caught
(D) The fishermen came and threw their nets in the pond
- (a) BDAC
(b) CBDA
(c) ACBD
(d) DCAB

Question 15 to 17 are based on passage give below:

Read the passage and answer the following question.

Scholarly interest in earthquakes can be traced back to antiquity in 132 CE, Zhang Heng of China's Han dynasty designed the first known seismoscope. The Lisbon earthquake of 1755, coinciding with the general flowering of science in Europe, set in motion intensified scientific attempts to understand

the behaviour and causation of earthquakes from 1857, Robert Mallet laid the foundation of instrumental seismology and carried out seismological experiments using explosives. He is also responsible for coining the word “seismology” seismology has revealed much about the structure of the Earth’s core, mantle, and crust. The english seismologist Richard Dixon Oldham’s studies of earthquake records in 1906 led to the discovery of the Earth’s core from studies of the Croatian quake of Oct. 8, 1909, the geophysicist Andrija Mohorovicic discovered the discontinuity (often called the Moho) that separates the crust from the underlying mantle. Today there are more than 1,000 seismograph stations around the world and their data are used to compile seismicity maps.

15. The word “Seismology” was coined by _____.
- (a) Andrija Mohorovicic
 - (b) Zhang Heng
 - (c) Robert Mallet
 - (d) Richard Dixon Oldham
16. The discovery of the Earth’s core was a result of studies by _____.
- (a) Andrija Mohorovicic
 - (b) Zhang Heng
 - (c) Robert Mallet
 - (d) Richard Dixon Oldham
17. The first known seismoscope was designed by _____.
- (a) Andrija Mohorovicic
 - (b) Zhang Heng
 - (c) Robert Mallet
 - (d) Richard Dixon Oldham

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1. (c) “Have you been to London” because the speaker is asking about the listener’s visit to London (action of returning included).

2. (b) Hear, Hair
Hear: Perceive with the ear the sound made by (someone or something).
Hair: Fur, Wool, Coat (any of the fine thread like strands growing from the skin of humans, mammals and some other animals).
3. (d) She wanted to attend a inter collegiate competition.
The word 'Intercollegiate' means "existing or conducted between colleges or universities".
4. (c) A market structure in which a single vendor sells a unique product in the market is defined as monopoly in which the seller faces no competition, as he is the sole seller of goods with no close substitute.
5. (a) The tea is too hot to drink.
6. (a) The children were playing happily no error.
7. (c) Antonym of the word 'Isolated' is included.
8. (c) James Bond's latest car can operate both on land and sea it is amphibious, living or able to live both on land and in water; belonging to both land and water.
9. (c) **To hit something hard:** To hit something or someone extremely hard while moving in a way that causes a lot of damage or makes a lot of noise.
10. (b) We think that this project will be "a piece of cake".
A piece of cake means something that is simple to accomplish.
11. (a) Absence makes the heart grow fonder only the option A makes a loud and clear sense.
12. (c) The correct spelling among the following option is materials.
13. (d) In order to make a meaningful sentence the jumbled statements have be systematically joined to give a proper meaning. Hence the best option is C-A-B-D.
14. (a) The correct sequence is B D A C i.e.
B: The next morning
D: The fishermen came and threw their nets in the pond

A: The nets were big and strong

C: Very soon all the fish were caught

15. (d) The word "Seismology" was coined by Richard Dixon Oldham.
16. (d) The discovery of the Earth's core was a result of studies by Richard Dixon Oldham.
17. (b) The first known seismoscope was designed by Zhang Heng.

QUESTIONS OF MAY 2021

1. Fill in the blanks with the correctly spelt word.
"I will _____ make it happen, said Gloria". "But you can't, the _____ won't allow it" said Andrea.
(a) definately, government
(b) definitely, government
(c) definately, government
(d) definitely, government
2. Fill in the blanks in a way that completes the sentences.
Rechel was not pleased with Mary exposing her secret. As a result, she was quite _____ with her friend.
(a) upset
(b) satisfied
(c) happy
(d) glad
3. Knowledge derived from several disciplines such as, Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology and Political Science are used in communication, so it is considered as.
(a) extra - disciplinary science
(b) intra - disciplinary science
(c) inter - disciplinary science
(d) contra - disciplinary science
4. Choose the correct sentence from the options below:
(a) I was wondering today; if her friend's were going to visit her father restaurant

- (b) I was wondering today; if he friends' were going to visit her fathers restaurant
 - (c) I was wondering today in her friends were going to visit her father's restaurant
 - (d) I was wondering today if her friends' were going to visit her fathers' restaurant
5. Read the sentence to determine whether it has any grammatical error and choose the option with the error accordingly. If there is no error, then choose option D.
I am getting more better by the day
- (a) I am getting
 - (b) no error
 - (c) by the day
 - (d) more better
6. From the options below, choose the statement that correctly describes the given scenario
"Thinks will happen to you good or bad, according to how you behave"
- (a) On cloud nine
 - (b) As you sow, so shall you reap
 - (c) The grass is always greener on the other side
 - (d) Don't judge a book by its cover
7. Choose the meaning of the emboldened word from the options below:
"What time is the afternoon break?"
- (a) to disintegrate a whole in to parts
 - (b) to suspend regular activity for a period
 - (c) to destroy
 - (d) to breach an agreement or rule
8. Fill in the blanks in a way that completes the sentence:
The high_____needed_____against leakage.
- (a) Sealing, ceiling
 - (b) Ceiling, sealing
 - (c) Ceiling, ceiling
 - (d) Sealing, sealing

9. Choose the correct option from the choices below:
- (a) She had not fought him after high school leaving
 - (b) She had not fought with him after leaving high school
 - (c) She did not fight with him after she had left high school
 - (d) She had not fighting with him since high school leaving
10. Fill in the blanks in a way that completes the sentence:
They were _____ for each other, said the _____ of honor.
- (a) maid, made
 - (b) made, made
 - (c) made, maid
 - (d) maid, maid
11. Choose the correct sentence from the options below:
- (a) "No. You must use a fire extinguisher to put out the fire, and not hit it with a cloth," Amelia Screamed.
 - (b) "No! You must use a fire extinguisher to put out the fire, not hit with a cloth!," Amelia Screamed.
 - (c) "No, You must! use a fire extinguisher to put out the fire, not hit it with a cloth!," Amelia Screamed.
 - (d) "No? You must use a fire extinguisher to put out the fire and not hit it with a cloth!," Amelia Screamed.
12. A message that always promotes cordial interpersonal relations is a.
- (a) Negative message
 - (b) Severe message
 - (c) Positive message
 - (d) Formal message
13. The Idiom "I will cross the bridge when I come to it" means:
- (a) I want to know that the bridge is strong before I cross it
 - (b) I don't want to deal with this issue right now
 - (c) I want to deal with this issue right now
 - (d) I want to take the necessary precautions before crossing the bridge.
14. Fill in the blanks by selecting one of the terms listed below
A/ an _____ is a set of proposals or terms offered or greed upon as a whole

- (a) action plan
 - (b) appraisal fee
 - (c) default setting
 - (d) package deal
15. Which of the following options is an Antonym of 'Intelligent'?
- (a) Foolish
 - (b) Wise
 - (c) Sly
 - (d) Frugal
16. Choose the meaning of the emboldened word from the options below:
"That would be one pound", said the ice cream vendor.
- (a) unit of mass and weight
 - (b) to crunch an item by beating
 - (c) an animal shelter for strays
 - (d) monetary currency
17. Fill in the blanks with the correctly spelt word:
_____ are health professionals who practice in pharmacy.
- (a) Pharmacists
 - (b) Pharmacsists
 - (c) Pharmmacists
 - (d) Pharmaccist
18. Fill in the blanks in a way that completes the sentence:
I thought chocolate brownies are so easy to make but when I tried to make it was a _____.
- (a) coup de grace
 - (b) debacle
 - (c) de jure
 - (d) en rapport
19. Choose the meaning of the emboldened idiom.
Linda has always been with me through thick and thin.
- (a) no matter how difficult
 - (b) no matter how thick

- (c) under easy circumstances
 - (d) under no circumstances
20. The phrase 'to pass away' means.
- (a) sleep
 - (b) comatose
 - (c) die
 - (d) give

Question 21 to 23 are based on passage given below:

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

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21. The first known seismoscope was designed by _____.
- (a) Andrija Mohorovičić
 - (b) Zhang Heng
 - (c) Robert Mallet
 - (d) Richard Dixon Oldham
22. The word seismology was coined by _____.
- (a) Andrija Mohorovičić
 - (b) Zhang Heng

- (c) Robert Mallet
 - (d) Richard Dixon Oldham
23. The discovery of the Earth's core was a result of studies by _____.
- (a) Andrija Mohorovičić
 - (b) Zhang Heng
 - (c) Robert Mallet
 - (d) Richard Dixon Oldham
24. Arrange the following parts of the sentence in the correct order.
- (A) Together
 - (B) One of the causes of diabetes in Indians
 - (C) With stress ranks as one of the
 - (D) Poor diet
- (a) ECADB
 - (b) BAEDC
 - (c) CDAEB
 - (d) CEADB
25. Choose the correct option to rearrange the sentences and make a meaningful paragraph:
- (A) Being healthy is about consciously thinking about your health
 - (B) of products that have been formulated to seamlessly
 - (C) Flora, as the pioneer of heart health brings to you a range
 - (D) Healthy is not about a size or shape
 - (E) Integrate health in to your life in your own way
- (a) ECBDA
 - (b) ADCBF
 - (c) DACBE
 - (d) CBEDA
26. Arrange the following parts of the sentence in the correct order.
- (A) and I will spend
 - (B) to night this wrong
 - (C) if a need to
 - (D) every penny in the bank
 - (E) I will spend my last during breath

- (a) C E B A D
- (b) B C E D A
- (c) E C A D B
- (d) E C A B D

Question 27 to 29 are based on passage given below:

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows:

Heritable traits are passed from one generation to the next via DNA, a molecule that encodes generatic information. Evolution in organisms occurs through changes in heritable traits - the inherited characteristics of an organisms. In humans, for example, eye colour is an inherited characteristic and an individual might inherit the “brown-eye trait” from one of their parents. Inherited traits are controlled by genes and the complete set of genes within an organisms’ genome (genetic material) is called its genotype. The complete set of observable traits that make up the structure and behaviour of an organism is called its phenotype. These traits come from the intraction of its genotype with the environment. As a result, many aspects of an organism’s phenotype are not inherited. For example, subtended skin comes from the interaction between a person’s genotype and sunlight, thus, suntans are not passed on to people’s children.

27. Evolution occurs when there are changes in one’s.

- (a) environment
- (b) heritable traits
- (c) phenotype
- (d) diet

28. Traits are passed via.

- (a) DNA
- (b) Behaviour
- (c) Phenotype
- (d) Environment

29. The interaction between one’s genotype and the environment results in one’s _____.

- (a) Suntan
- (b) Mutation

- (c) Phenotype
 - (d) DNA
30. Choose the correct option to rearrange the sentences and make a meaningful paragraph.
- 1. And now here is my secret, a very simple secret'
 - 2. It is only with the heart that one can see right
 - 3. "Goodbye," said the fox
 - 4. Because what is essential is invisible to the eye
- (a) 1 4 3 2
 - (b) 3 1 2 4
 - (c) 1 2 4 3
 - (d) 2 4 1 3

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- 1. (d) "I will definitely make it happen, said Gloria".
"But you can't, the government won't allow it," said Andrea.
Definitely – Surely, for sure Government – Administration Authority.
- 2. (a) Rechel was not pleased with Mary exposing her secret. As a result she was quite upset with her friend.
- 3. (c) Inter disciplinary science covers more than one field of study but it should be ensured that study is not done with unrelated disciplines. Hence Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology and Political science are all related to communication.
- 4. (c) The correct appropriate sentence is I was wondering today in her friends were going to visit her father's restaurant.
- 5. (c) If there is no error then the correct answer is by the day. I am getting more better by the day.
- 6. (b) As you sow, so shall you reap means that the way you behave in life will affect the treatment you will receive from others.
- 7. (b) "What time is the afternoon break?" means to suspend regular activity for a period i.e. taking a break/halt.

8. (b) The high ceiling needed sealing against leakage.
Ceiling – The upper interior surface of a room.
Sealing – The action or process of fastening or closing something.
9. (c) She did not fight with him after she had left High School.
Here did not and had both are past tenses hence the statement is grammatically correct.
10. (c) They were made for each other, said the maid of honor.
Made: built, shaped
Maid: a woman whose job is to clean in a hotel or large house.
11. (b) No! you must use a fire extinguisher to put out the fire, not hit with a cloth !" Amelia screamed.
Here an exclamation mark should be used after No!
12. (c) Cordial interpersonal relations are very much needed for healthy relations in any atmosphere. Hence, positive messages are needed to promote such relations.
13. (c) The Idiom "I will cross the bridge when I come to it" means I want to deal with this issue right now i.e. to not worry about a possible problem until it actually happens.
14. (d) A package deal is a set of proposals that contain a number of exchange and deposit items that must be completed simultaneously or not at all.
15. (a) Antonym of Intelligent is foolish i.e. lacking good sense or judgement: unwise.
16. (d) "That would be one pound," said the icecream vendor.
Monetary currency is an appropriate answer i.e. one pound is a monetary currency.
17. (a) Pharmacists are health professional who practice in pharmacy. The correct spelling among the following option is pharmacists.
18. (b) I thought chocolate brownies are so easy to make but when I tried to make it was a debacle (complete disaster/failure).
To complete the sentence the correct option is debacle.

19. (a) The idiom “thick and thin” means being through out the good as well as bad times.
Example: “She stood beside her friend through thick and thin”.
20. (c) The phrase “to pass away” means “die”.
21. (b) The first known seismoscope was designed by Zhang Heng.
22. (d) The word seismology was coined by Richard Dixon Oldham.
23. (d) The discovery of the Earth’s core was a result of studies by Richard Dixon Oldham.
24. (d) According to a recent study Poor diet together with stress ranks as one of the causes of diabetes in Indians.
25. (d) Flora, as the pioneer of heart health brings to you a range of products that have been formulated to seamlessly interate health into your life is your own way. Healthy is not about any size or shape, being healthy is about consciously thinking about your health.
26. (a) The correct option is CEBAD
C: If I need to
E: I will spend my last dying breath
B: To night this wrong
A: And I will spend
D: Every penny in the bank.
27. (b) Evolution occurs when there are changes in one’s heritable traits i.e. the characteristics which one inherits.
28. (a) Traits are passed from one person to another via the DNA of a person.
29. (c) The interaction between one’s genotype and the environment results in one’s phenotype i.e. the traits related to height, eye, colour and blood type.
30. (c) And now here is my secret, a very simple secret it is only with the heart that one can see right because what is essential is invisible to the eye.

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1. Fill in the blanks in a way that completes the sentence.
“Bob is a builder _____, he knows a lot about architecture.”
(a) so (b) nor
(c) despite (d) either
2. Fill in the blanks in a way that completes the sentence:
We all _____ him to be good at numbers but little did we _____ he also excelled in English.
(a) Know, no (b) Know, Know
(c) No, no (d) No, know
3. Arrange the following parts of the sentence in the correct order
(A) Lies not in never falling
(B) Every time we fall
(C) The
(D) But in rising
(E) Greatest glory in living
(a) BCEAD
(b) DBACE
(c) CEADB
(d) CADBE
4. Read the sentence to determine whether it has any grammatical error and choose the option with the error accordingly if there is no error, then choose option D.
I find it hard to choose between these four flavours.
(a) I find it
(b) Hard to choose
(c) Between these four flavours
(d) No error
5. Which of the following conveys the meaning of the emboldened idiom?
All that he said boiled down to the fact that he is not keen about helping us.

- (a) Neglected
 - (b) Amounted to
 - (c) Negated
 - (d) Argued about
6. MBBS stands for
- (a) Master of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgen
 - (b) Medicinae Bccalaureus, Baccalaureus Chirurglae
 - (c) Medical Baccalaureus, Baccalaureus chinora
 - (d) Bachelor of Medicine and a, Bechelor of Surgery
7. The foreign word that correctly describes the practice of providing something in return for what is received is
- (a) Ad nauseam
 - (b) Fait accompli
 - (c) Modus operandi
 - (d) Quid pro quo
8. Give one word for-
A fragrant liquid used to give a pleasant smell to one's body.
- (a) Stench
 - (b) Stink
 - (c) Scent
 - (d) Smelly
9. Complete the proverb Blood _____
- (a) Is equal in quantity in all
 - (b) Is red for all
 - (c) Is thicker than water
 - (d) Is what lasts for ever
10. Which of the following words is the antonym of 'Generous'?
- (a) Fulsome
 - (b) Plenty
 - (c) Miserly
 - (d) Abundant
11. Fill in the blanks in a way that completes the sentence:
"The activities she has on her _____ are out of her own _____"

- (a) Itinerary, accord
 - (b) Itinerary, accord
 - (c) Itinerery, acaord
 - (d) Itinerary, achord
12. Choose the meaning of the emboldened word from the options below
Cells of bark are dead and compactly arranged without inter cellular spaces.
- (a) To shout at someone in a forceful manner
 - (b) To be wrong about the reason for something
 - (c) The hard outer covering of a tree
 - (d) Noise that a dog and some other animals make

Question 13 to 15 are based on passage given below:

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The octopus (plural octopuses) is a soft-bodied, eight-limbed mollusc of the order Octopoda. Around 300 species are recognised and the order is grouped within the class Cephalopoda with squids, cuttlefish, and nautilus. Like other cephalopods, the octopus is bilaterally symmetric with two eyes and a beak, with its mouth at the center point of the eight limbs. The soft body can radically alter its shape, enabling octopuses to squeeze through small gaps. They trail their eight appendages behind them as they swim. The siphon is used both for respiration and for locomotion, by expelling a jet of water. Octopuses have a complex nervous system and excellent sight, and are among the most intelligent and behaviourally diverse of all invertebrates. Strategies to defend themselves against predators include the expulsion of ink, the use of camouflage and threat displays, the ability to jet quickly through the water and hide, and even deceit. All octopuses are venomous, but only the blue-ringed octopuses are known to be deadly to humans. Octopuses appear in mythology as sea monsters like the kraken of Norway and the Akkorokamui of the Ainu, and probably the Gorgon of ancient Greece. They are eaten and considered a delicacy by humans in many parts of the world, especially the Mediterranean and the Asian seas.

13. The octopus is a type of _____
(a) Fish
(b) Molluse
(c) Amphibian
(d) Mammal
14. Octopuses have a nervous system that is _____
(a) Simple
(b) Symmetrical
(c) Complex
(d) Primitive
15. The mythological kraken of Norway is _____
(a) A dragon
(b) A whale shark
(c) An Octopus
(d) A Gorgon
16. Rearrange the sentences given to make a meaningful paragraph
1. The Shadows changed shape and moved along the walls of each room from morning to evening
 2. Mridu liked the house in which she lived
 3. The two coconut trees were never silent.
 4. From the barred, old Fashioned windows on every side, the green of the garden sent cool, dark shadows in to the four rooms.
- (a) 2413
(b) 2134
(c) 4213
(d) 1423

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1. (a) **So** is the answer. "Bob is a builder **so**, he knows a lot about architecture".
2. (b) We all **know** him to be good at numbers but little did we **know** he also excelled in English.

3. (c) The correct answer is **CEADB**
C - The
E - Greatest glory in living
A - lies not in never falling
D - But in rising
B - Every time we fall.
4. (d) The answer is **No error**.
5. (b) The meaning of Phrase 'boiled down' is **amounted to** or to be equivalent in summary.
6. (d) MBBS stands for **Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery**.
7. (d) **Quid Pro quo** - a favour or advantage granted in return for something.
8. (c) The fragrant liquid used to give a pleasant smell to one's body is called **scent**.
9. (c) **Blood is thicker than water** means family relations are the strongest and most important ones.
10. (c) The antonym of the word generous is **Miserly** which means someone who is cheap.
11. (a) The activities she has on her **itinerary** are out of own **accord**.
Itinerary means a plan of a journey, including the route and the places that you will visit.
12. (a) The meaning of the emboldened word is **to shout at someone in a forceful manner**.
13. (b) The Octopus is a type of **Molluse**.
14. (c) Octopuses have a nervous system that is **complex**.
15. (c) The mythological Kraken of Norway is **an Octopus**.
16. (a) The answer is a i.e. **2413**
2 - Mridu liked the house in which she lived.
4 - From the barred, old fashioned windows on every side, the green of the garden sent cool, dark, shadows into the four rooms.

- 1 - The shadows changed shape and moved along the walls of each room from morning to evening.
- 3 - The two coconut trees were never silent.

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1. Fill in the blanks with the correct option.
Choose the word from the choices given below.
The plane _____ right through the tower spreading terror and devastation.
(a) flu
(b) flue
(c) flew
(d) flow
2. Choose the correct option for the following abbreviation:
UNESCO
(a) United Nations Education Scientific and Culture Organization
(b) United Nation Educational Scientific and Culture Organization
(c) United Nations Education Science and Cultural Organization
(d) United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
3. Change the voice:
Gungun Sings a melodious song.
(a) A melodious song had sung by Gungun
(b) A melodious song was being sung by Gungun
(c) A melodious song is sang by Gungun
(d) A melodious song is sung by Gungun
4. Complete the sentence with the correct option:
The sender should choose his words very carefully in order to _____.
(a) avoid ambiguity
(b) complicate the message
(c) confuse the receiver
(d) create a vague message

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct option.
Although he was delayed because of heavy traffic, he did not_____ the plane.
(a) board
(b) miss
(c) reach
(d) catch
6. Choose the correct sequence and mark the right answer accordingly
(a) Food, water, by insect vector, or as an aerosol:
(b) Intended to deliberately
(c) Biological weapons are devices
(d) Producing organisms or toxins in
(e) Disseminate disease
(a) A B C D E
(b) C B E D A
(c) B E C D A
(d) D A C B E
7. GST stands for:
(a) Goods and services tax
(b) Goods and supply tax
(c) Government sales tax
(d) Goods and storage tax
8. Fill in the blank with a suitable option:
The quality of Mangoes_____excellent.
(a) were
(b) have
(c) is
(d) are
9. Fill in the blanks with appropriate word.
_____ ! broke up.
(a) Oops
(b) Yahoo
(c) Hurray
(d) Yee-haw

10. Rearrange the following parts and choose a correct sequence to form a meaningful Sentence.
- (a) the king requested the prince
 - (b) when the Prince in disguise came
 - (c) to marry his daughter
 - (d) to beg for food in the palace
- (a) B D C A
 - (b) B D A C
 - (c) A C B D
 - (d) D C A B
11. Choose the most appropriate meaning of the endeavouring word in the given sentence.
- The traitors are endeavouring to join the bio-weapon war.
- (a) to suffer something difficult
 - (b) try hard to achieve something
 - (c) an enterprise
 - (d) remain in existence
12. Example is better than precept means:
- (a) It is easy to speak something than to follow
 - (b) Showing the best example may prove someone wrong
 - (c) It is better to show something in action than merely advising others
 - (d) Perception is beautiful when examples are given
13. Replace the Underlined word with a suitable synonym.
- The back-fire is something that you experience after the bullet has already been shot.
- (a) advance
 - (b) stay
 - (c) backup
 - (d) recoil
14. Choose the word that is correctly spelt.
- (a) accomodete
 - (b) accomodate
 - (c) accommodate
 - (d) acommodatte

15. Fill in the blanks with the correct option:
_____ is an assessment carried out to decide if a suggested plan or method is possible or reasonable.
- (a) Market Study
 - (b) Feasability Study
 - (c) Gap Analysis
 - (d) Production Study
16. Replace the underlined words with the correct option.
She recapitulates again the whole lesson.
- (a) recapitulates
 - (b) recapitulating again
 - (c) recapitulate
 - (d) recapitulate again
17. Fill in the blanks with the correct option.
If you eat too much, you _____.
- (a) become fat
 - (b) become Feeble
 - (c) become dehydrated
 - (d) become satiated
18. Choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the given word.
“Using words in a clever way”
- (a) Witty
 - (b) Smart
 - (c) Cunning
 - (d) Twisting
19. Fill in the blanks with the correct answer:
You are not the _____ individual who believes that eyes are the windows of the _____.
- (a) Sole / Soul
 - (b) Sole / Soel
 - (c) Soel / Soul
 - (d) Soel / Sole

20. Vis-a-Vis means:
- (a) Practical test
 - (b) Face to face
 - (c) Interview
 - (d) Oral test
21. Choose the antonym of the given word Awkward:
- (a) Clumsy
 - (b) Rude
 - (c) Artless
 - (d) Graceful
22. Choose the word that is correctly spelt:
- (a) Suspicious
 - (b) Suspicioss
 - (c) Susspicious
 - (d) Susppicious
23. Fill in the blanks by selecting one of the options listed below:
_____ is a fund used by a business for small items of expenditure and restored to a fixed amount periodically.
- (a) Imprest
 - (b) Mutual fund
 - (c) Bond
 - (d) Hybrid funds
24. Replace the underlined words with the correct option.
Despite of being rich he worked hard for his boss:
- (a) Despite off
 - (b) Despite
 - (c) Despite for
 - (d) Inspite
25. "Honesty is the best policy" means:
- (a) Bad situations in life makes a person best and honest
 - (b) We have to be honest and true in life even in bad situations
 - (c) Be honest to get the good rewards
 - (d) Only the best person can be honest

26. Per se means:
- (a) per head
 - (b) for instance
 - (c) by or in itself
 - (d) for example
27. Fill in the blanks with the correct option.
_____ is a measure of how much you owe your creditors for goods services supplied to you.
- (a) Accounts receivable
 - (b) Accounts Payable
 - (c) Vanture Capital
 - (d) Paid in Capital
28. Fill in the blanks with the correct options.
All the efforts of the doctors proved_____ as they were unable to remove the clot from the_____.
- (a) Vains, Viens
 - (b) Veins, Vain
 - (c) Vien, Vains
 - (d) Vain, Veins
29. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option.
The country of Vatican City is ruled by the Pope. This practice is called_____.
- (a) democracy
 - (b) theocracy
 - (c) oligarchy
 - (d) autocracy
30. Choose the most appropriate meaning of the Underlined word in the given Sentence.
Those lines that I have written to you before are a lie
- (a) rest flat an a surface
 - (b) to remain
 - (c) recline
 - (d) false statement
31. Rearrange the following parts and choose a correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) to see a snake
 - (B) back, she was shocked
 - (C) on her husband's chair
 - (D) when the princess came
 - (a) A B C D
 - (b) C A B D
 - (c) D B A C
 - (d) D C B A
32. Choose the correct sequence and mark the right answer accordingly:
- (A) And went straight to the fish
 - (B) He slowly slipped in to the pond
 - (C) The Crocodile heard all this
 - (D) When the fishermen left
 - (a) C D B A
 - (b) D A C B
 - (c) D B C A
 - (d) C B A D
33. Which of the following factors is important in both written and spoken form of communication to enable comprehension?
- (a) Language
 - (b) Telephone
 - (c) Paper
 - (d) Dictaphone

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below 34-36:

The platypus is a semiaquatic egg-laying mammal endemic to eastern Australia, including Tasmania. It is among nature's most unlikely animals. In fact the first scientists to examine a specimen believed they were the victims of a hoax. The animal is best described as a hodgepodge of more familiar species, the duck (bill and webbed feet) beaver (tail), and otter (body and fur). Like other monotremes, it senses prey through electro location. It is one of the few species of venomous mammals. While both male and female platypuses are born with ankle spurs, only the spurs on the male's back ankles deliver venom. Although powerful enough to kill smaller animals such as dogs, the venom is not lethal to humans, but the pain is so excruciating

that the victim may be incapacitated. Platypuses hunt underwater, where they swim gracefully by padding with their front webbed feet and steering with their hind feet and beaver like tail.

Folds of skin cover their eyes and ears to prevent water from entering, and the nostrils close with a water tight seal. These Australian mammals are bottom feeders.

They scoop up insects and larvae, shellfish and worm in their bill along with bits of gravel and mud from the bottom. All this material is stored in cheek pouches and at the surface, mashed for consumption. Platypuses do not have teeth, so the bits of gravel help them to “chew” their meal. The unique features of the platypus make it an important subject in the study of evolutionary biology, and a recognisable and iconic symbol of Australia. The platypus is the animal emblem of the state of New South wales.

34. The platypus delivers venom through _____.
- (a) tail (b) ankle spurs
(c) teeth (d) skin
35. Underwater, the platypus use their tail to _____.
- (a) Swim (b) defend
(c) steer (d) hunt
36. The platypus seemed to be a hoax, made up of _____ other animals.
- (a) 2 (b) 3
(c) 4 (d) 5

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below 37-40:

Chocolate is a preparation of roasted and ground cocoa seeds that is made in the form of a liquid, paste, or in a block, which may also be used as a flavoring ingredient in other foods. The earliest signs of use are associated with olmec sites (within what would become Mexico’s post-colonial territory suggesting consumption of chocolate beverages, dating from 19th century BCE. The majority of Mesoamen can people made chocolate beverages, including the Maya and Aztecs. In contrast to the Maya, who liked their chocolate warm, the Aztecs drank it cold, seasoning it with a board variety of additives, including chile pepper, allspice, vanilla and honey. The Aztecs were unable to grow cocoa themselves, as their home in the empire. Those who lived in areas ruled by the Aztecs were required to offer cocoa seeds in

payment of the tax they deemed "tribute." Cocoa beans were often used as currency for example, the Aztecs used a system in which one turkey cost 100 cacao beans and one fresh avocado was worth three beans. The English word "Chocolate" comes, via Spanish, from the classical Nahuatl word xocolatl. The seeds of the cocoa tree have an intense bitter taste and must be fermented to develop the flavor. After fermentation, the beans are dried, cleaned and roasted. The shell is removed to produce cocoa nibs, which are then ground to cocoa mass, unadulterated chocolate, in rough form. Although cocoa originated in the Americas. West African Countries, particularly Cote d' Ivoire and Ghana, are the leading producers of cocoa in the 21st century accounting for some 60% of the world cocoa supply.

37. According to the passage, chocolate originated in the_____.
- (a) Cote d' Ivoire
 - (b) Americas
 - (c) Europe
 - (d) Ghana
38. The Aztecs obtained chocolate through_____.
- (a) cultivation
 - (b) trade
 - (c) tax
 - (d) barter system
39. Various seasonings were added to the chocolate by the:
- (a) Mexicans
 - (b) Mayans
 - (c) Olmecs
 - (d) Aztecs
40. Fill in the blanks with the correct word:
It is much more common for feeling of liking warmth, and enthusiasm to be conveyed, and reciprocated through ____communication.
- (a) Aural
 - (b) non-verbal
 - (c) verbal
 - (d) written

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1. (c) The plane **FLEW** right through the tower spreading terror and devastation.
2. (d) The correct abbreviation for UNESCO is **united nations educational scientific and cultural organization**.
3. (d) A melodious song is sung by Gungun.
4. (a) The sender should choose his words very carefully in order to **avoid ambiguity**.
5. (b) Although he was delayed because of heavy traffic, he did not miss the plane.
6. (d) The correct sequence will be- producing organisms or toxins in food, water, by insect vector, or as an aerosol biological weapons are devices intended to deliberately disseminate disease.
7. (a) GST stands for goods and services tax which is levied on the supply of goods or services or both in India. It is a value added tax levied on for domestic consumption. The GST is paid by customers, but it is remitted to the government by the business selling the goods and services.
8. (a) The correct answer is: the quality of mangoes were excellent.
9. (a) Correct sentence is- oops! I broke up.
10. (b) The correct sequence will be-
When the prince in disguise came to beg for food in palace the king requested the prince to marry his daughter.
11. (b) The most appropriate meaning of underlined word endeavouring **is try hard to achieve something**.
12. (c) Example is better than percept means **It is better to show something in action than merely advising others**.
13. (d) The recoil is something that you experience after the bullet has already been shot.
14. (c) The correct spelling is **ACCOMMODATE**. Which means to provide with something desired.

15. (b) Feasibility study is an assessment carried out to decide if a suggested plan or method is possible or reasonable.
16. (a) She **recapitulates** the whole lesson.
17. (a) If you eat too much, you become fat.
18. (a) Using words in a clever way means witty.
19. (a) You are not the **sole** individual who believes that eyes are the windows of the soul.
20. (b) vis-à-vis means face to face.
21. (d) The correct antonym of the given word AWKWARD is GRACEFUL.
22. (a) The correct spelling is SUSPICIOUS means having or showing a cautious distrust of someone or something.
23. (a) Imprest - It is a fund used by a business for small items of expenditure, and restored to a fixed amount periodically. Hence, a petty cash book is kept on the imprest amount.
24. (b) The correct sentence will be- despite being rich he worked hard for his boss.
25. (b) The meaning of “honesty is the best policy” means we have to be honest and true in life even in bad situations.
26. (c) Per se means by or in itself.
27. (b) Accounts payable is money owed by a business to its suppliers shown as a liability on a company’s balance sheet. It is distinct from notes payable liabilities, which are debts created by formal legal instrument documents.
28. (d) The meaning of vain is producing no result or useless; whereas veins means blood vessels. So the correct sentence will be – all the efforts of the doctors proved vain as they were unable to remove the clot from the veins.
29. (b) The politics of Vatican City take place in a framework of a theocratic absolute elective monarchy, in which the Pope, religiously speaking, the leader of the Catholic Church and Bishop of Rome, exercises ex officio supreme legislative, executive, and judicial power over the Vatican City[1] (an entity distinct from the Holy See), a rare case of non-hereditary monarchy.

30. (d) Correct meaning is – those lines that I have written to you before are a false statement.
31. (c) Correct sequence:
When the princess came back, she was shocked to see a snake on her husband’s chair.
32. (d) The crocodile heard all this he slowly slipped into the pond and went straight to the fish when fishermen left .
33. (a) Language is an important factor in both written and spoken form of communication to enable comprehension.
34. (b) The platypus delivers venom through **ankle spurs**.
35. (c) Underwater, the platypus use their tail to **steer**.
36. (b) The platypus seemed to be a hoax, made up of **3** animals.
37. (b) Chocolate's 4,000-year history began in ancient Mesoamerica, present day Mexico. It's here that the first cacao plants were found. The Olmec, one of the earliest civilizations in Latin America, were the first to turn the cacao plant into chocolate. They drank their chocolate during rituals and used it as medicine.
38. (d) Those who lived in areas ruled by the Aztecs were required to offer cocoa seeds in payment of the tax they deemed tribute. Cocoa beans were often used as currency for example, the Aztecs used a system in which one fresh avocado was worth three beans.
39. (b) Mayan chocolate was a revered brew made of roasted and ground cacao seeds mixed with chillies, water and cornmeal. Mayans poured this mixture from one pot to another, creating a thick foamy beverage called “xocolatl”, meaning “bitter water.” By the 15th century, the Aztecs used cocoa beans as currency.
40. (a) It is much more common for feeling of liking warmth and enthusiasm to be conveyed and reciprocated through aural communication.

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1. Which of the following Sentences is correct?
- (a) I will call you as soon as I will arrive at the airport
- (b) I will call you as soon as I arrive at the airport

- (c) I will call you as soon as I arrived at the airport
 - (d) I will call you as I would arrive at the airport
2. Which of the following sentences is incorrect?
- (a) She has three elder sisters
 - (b) The bird hurt it's wings
 - (c) There is some milk in the bottle
 - (d) I have got a few toffees in my bag
3. Choose the correct option that best fits the meaning of the sentence
Earl krutchins was known for his.....as he was the most honest person of all time.
- (a) Trustworthiness
 - (b) Desert
 - (c) Injustice
 - (d) Misbehaviour
4. Choose the most logical order of sentences from among the given choices to construct a coherent paragraph
Rudyard Kipling, the English novelist, poet and short story writer lived an extraordinary life
- (a) Rudyard and his sister were sent to England to receive an education when Rudyard was five years old
 - (b) Rudyard kipling married Carrie Balestier in 1892 and settled in America. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature in 1907
 - (c) Captain Halloway and his wife acted as custodians for British Nationals serving in India while his sister seemed to be a favourite, Rudyard was treated harshly at the boarding house and these expenses credited for sparking his literary career.
 - (d) He was born in Bombay India but spent most of hrs life outside India.
- (a) DACB
 - (b) ABDC
 - (c) ABCD
 - (d) DCAB
5. Which of the following sentences is correct?
- (a) There are little furniture in the room
 - (b) There are many furnitures in the room

- (c) There are a lot of furnitures in the room
(d) There is a lot of furniture in the room.
6. Fill in the blanks with the correct option you did wakeup very early this morning _____?
(a) have you?
(b) did not you?
(c) did you?
(d) don't you?
7. Choose the correct option that best fits the meaning of the sentence.
Because Rama had told so many_____stones about seeing wolves, none of the villagers believed him when he actually did see one
(a) reliable
(b) concert
(c) false
(d) venfiable
8. Choose the option that correctly rearranges the following phrases to make a meaningful sentence
(A) Physicist, chemist, and botanist
(B) Fabre was a teacher
(C) For his work in entomology
(D) But is best know
(a) DBCA
(b) BADC
(c) BDAC
(d) ABCD
9. Choose the option that correctly explains the meaning of the underlined idiom.
Grandpa arrived at our house out of the blue this morning.
(a) We weren't expecting Grandpa's visit
(b) Grandpa was dressed unusually smartly
(c) It was a lovely day when Grandpa arrived
(d) Grandpa was not feeling too well
10. Choose the option which denotes the correct meaning of the underlined word?

The company is well -known for its sound Financial Management.

- (a) The thought of something from what some body feels about it?
 - (b) Something that you can hear.
 - (c) Well - founded sensible trustworthy.
 - (d) Someone that you can hear.
11. Choose the correct meaning of the given term “Exgratia”.
- (a) Payment made out of generosity
 - (b) Before retirement
 - (c) Very grateful
 - (d) Extraordinary
12. Choose the correct option:
This ointment should.....the skin on your.....
- (a) Heal, hale
 - (b) Heal, heel
 - (c) Heel, heal
 - (d) Heel, hale
13. Choose the correct option:
A term which refers to all the plants of a particular area or region:
- (a) Scenic
 - (b) Land scape
 - (c) Fauna
 - (d) Flora
14. Choose the appropriate proverb that best fits the given scenario
Afice remembered how many times Sarah had helped her. Therefore, she didn't hesitate to offer help to Sarah when she needed it.
- (a) one good deserves another
 - (b) haste makes waste
 - (c) honesty is the best policy
 - (d) blood is thicker than water
15. Choose the correct option for the following abbreviation BBC.
- (a) British Broadcasting Corporation
 - (b) British Broadcast Corporation
 - (c) British Broadcasting Company
 - (d) Britan Broadcasting Corporation

16. Which of the following words is similar to Humongous?
- (a) enlightened
 - (b) invigorated
 - (c) enchanted
 - (d) enormous
17. Identify the word that is wrongly spell.
- (a) Played
 - (b) Privilege
 - (c) Accompaniment
 - (d) Interviewed
18. Choose the option that correctly rearranges the following phrases to make a meaningful sentence
- (a) Eight rich people own as much wealth
 - (b) a report published by Oxfam
 - (c) as half the words population
 - (d) the global charity organization, states that
- (a) BDAC
 - (b) BACD
 - (c) ACBD
 - (d) ABCD
19. Choose the correct option:
William went from.....with his wife. He started with nothing and ended up as a very rich person.
- (a) rags to riches
 - (b) bad to worse
 - (c) worse to worst
 - (d) Riches to rags
20. Choose the option which denotes the correct meaning of the underlined word?
The company has introduced new regulations to safeguard the interests of its workers.
- (a) the feeling you have when you want to know or learn more about
 - (b) an activity that you enjoy in your spare time

- (c) the additional money you pay back when you borrow money from someone
 - (d) a good result or an advantage that yields benefits for someone.
21. Choose the correct meaning of the given term status quo
- (a) Insignificant remarks
 - (b) Social status
 - (c) Legally valid
 - (d) Present condition
22. Choose the correct option.
It would be..... if you couldsome cheese for the pizza
- (a) great, greet
 - (b) greet, great
 - (c) grate, great
 - (d) great, grate
23. Choose the option that complete the proverb correctly.
Two Wrong _____
- (a) are always beneficial
 - (b) are not bad things
 - (c) always make a right
 - (d) do not make a right
24. Choose the correct option for the following abbreviation Ref
- (a) reference
 - (b) referendum
 - (c) reform
 - (d) reflection
25. Choose the option which is similar in meaning to the underlined word
One should understand one's obligations and attend to them
- (a) responsibilities
 - (b) options
 - (c) prerogatives
 - (d) enthusiasm
26. Identify the word correctly spelt
- (a) acceptable
 - (b) acseptible
 - (c) acceptible
 - (d) accepaible

Read the passage and answer the questions given below 27 to 29:

The Man Booker Prize for fiction is awarded every year and aims to represent the very best in contemporary fiction. The prize was originally called the Booker **Mc Connell** Prize which was the name of the company that sponsored it, though it was better known as simply the Booker Prize in 2002. The man group became the sponsor and they chose the new name keeping booker. Publishers can submit books for consideration for the prize, but the judges can also ask for books to be submitted they think should be included firstly, the Advisory Committee give advice if there have been any changes to the rules for the prize and selects the people who will judge the books. The judging panel changes every year and usually a person is only a judge once. Great efforts are made to ensure that the judging panel is balanced in terms of gender and professions within the industry so that a writer a critic an editor and an academic are chosen along with a well-known person from wider society. However, when the panel of judges has been finalized they are left to make their own decisions without any further involvement or interference from the prize sponsor. The Man Booker judges include critics writer's and academics to maintain the consistent quality of the prize and its influence is such that the winner will almost certainly see the sales increase considerably in addition to the Euro 50,000 that comes with the prize.

27. According to the passage the word similar to "contemporary" would be:
- (a) Traditional
 - (b) Current
 - (c) Antiquated
 - (d) Archaic
28. Which of the following statements is not True?
- (a) The Booker Prize has an award of £ 50,000
 - (b) The Booker Prize 's concept was developed by the Man Group
 - (c) The Booker Prize for fiction is awarded every year
 - (d) The Booker Prize's judging panel changes every year
29. Which of the following statements is True?
- (a) Members of the Man Group are a part of the panel of judges
 - (b) Members of the Man Group interview the panel of judges
 - (c) Members of the Man Group have a strong say in short listing the winner
 - (d) Members of the Man Group are in no way involved in the judgement process

Read the passage and answer the questions given below 30 to 32:

Sigiriya is an ancient rock fortress located in the northern Matale District near the town of Dambulla in the Central Province, Sri Lanka the name refers to a site of historical and archaeological significance that is dominated by a massive column of rock nearly 200 metres (660 ft) high. According to the ancient Sri Lanka chronicle the Culavamsa, this area was selected by King Kashyapa (477-495 AD) for his new capital. He built his palace on the top of this rock and decorated its sides with colourful frescoes. On a small plateau about halfway up the side of this rock he built a gateway in the form of an enormous lion. The name of this place is derived from this structure *sinhagiri*, the Lion Rock an etymology similar to *Sinhapura*, the Sanskrit name of Singapore, the Lion City. The capital and the royal palace were abandoned after the king's death. It was used as a Buddhist monastery until the 14th Century Sigiriya today is a UNESCO listed. World Heritage Site. It is one of the best preserved examples of ancient urban planning. Sigiriya is considered to be one of the most important urban planning sites of the first millennium and the site plan is considered very elaborate and imaginative. The plan combined concepts of symmetry and asymmetry to intentionally interlock the man-made geometrical and natural forms of the surroundings. On the west side of the rock lies a park for the royals, laid out on a symmetrical plan, the park contains water-retaining structure.

Including sophisticated surface/subsurface hydraulic systems, some of which are working today. The south contains a man-made reservoir, these were extensively used from the previous capital of the dry zone of Sri Lanka. Five gates were placed at entrances the more elaborate western gate is thought to have been reserved for the royals.

30. A man-made reservoir can be found in which of the following directions in the park?
- (a) West
 - (b) South
 - (c) North
 - (d) East

31. The ancient Sri. Lanka Chronicles is called_____
- (a) Culavamsa (b) King Kashyapa
(c) Sigiriya (d) Sinhagum
32. How many gates were placed at the entrances?
- (a) 3 (b) 4
(c) 2 (d) 5

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1. (b) The correct sentence is-
I will call you as soon as I arrive at the airport.
2. (d) The incorrect sentence is-
I have got a few toffees in my bag.
3. (a) The correct sentence will be-
Earl krutchins was known for his trustworthiness as he was the most honest person of all time.
4. (a) The correct sequence of given short story is-
Rudyard Kipling, the English novelist, poet and short story writer lived an extraordinary life. He was born in Bombay India but spent most of his life outside India. Rudyard and his sister were sent to England to receive an education when Rudyard was five years old. Captain halloway and his wife acted as custodian for British Nationals serving in India while his sister seemed to be a favourite, Rudyard was treated harshly at the boarding house and these expenses credited for sparking these expenses credited for sparking his literary career. Kipling married Carrie Balestier in 1892 and settled in America. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature in 1907.
5. (b) The correct sentence will be. There are many furniture in the room.
6. (b) The correct statement will be you did wakeup very early this morning didn't you?
7. (c) Because Rama had told so many False stones about seeing wolves, none of the villagers believed him when he actually did see one.
8. (b) Fabre was a teacher, physicist, chemist and botanist but is best know for his work in entomology.

9. (a) The correct meaning for the idiom out of the blue will be- we weren't expecting Grandpa's visit.
10. (c) The company is well-known for its sound financial management. Where SOUND means- well-founded sensible trustworthy.
11. (a) Ex gratia is latin for "by favour", and is most often used in a legal context. When something has been done ex gratia, it has been done voluntarily, out of kindness or grace.
12. (b) The correct sentence will be- This ointment should HEAL the skin on your HEEL.
13. (d) The correct option is Flora
As flora is all plant life present in a particular region or time, generally the naturally occurring (indigenous) native plant.
14. (a) Afice remembered how many times Sarah had helped her. Therefore, she didn't hesitate to offer help to Sarah when she needed it.
The correct proverb will be-
One good deserves another.
15. (a) The full form of BBC is British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), originally British Broadcasting Company, is a British public service broadcaster, headquartered at Broadcasting House, London, United Kingdom.
16. (d) The similar word for Humongous is enormous.
17. (c) The word that is wrongly spelled is accompaniment. The correct spelling of this word is accompanied which means to go with.
18. (a) The correct sentence will be-
A report published by Oxfam the global charity organisation, states that eight rich people own as much wealth as half the world's population.
19. (a) William went from **rags to riches** with his wife. He started with nothing and ended up as a very rich person.
20. (d) The company has introduced new regulations to safeguard the interests of its workers.
The correct answer will be or an advantage that yields benefits for someone.
21. (d) The correct term for the word *status quo* means present condition.

22. (d) The correct statement will be. It would be great if you could grate some cheese for the pizza.
23. (d) The correct proverb will be two wrong do not make a right.
24. (a) Correct abbreviation for the word Ref. is reference.
25. (a) One should understand one's obligations and attend to them.
The similar meaning of the underlined word is responsibilities.
26. (c) The correctly spelt word is acceptable.
27. (b) According to the passage the word similar to "contemporary" would be CURRENT.
28. (a) The statement which is not true is- The booker prize has an award of £50,000.
29. (a) The statement which is true is- Members of the man group are a part of the panel of judges.
30. (c) A man-made reservoir can be found in North of the following directions in the park.
31. (c) The ancient Sri Lanka Chronicles is called Sigiriya.
32. (d) There were 5 gates placed at the entrances.

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1. Identify the correct sequence of sentences.
- (a) for our vacation
 - (b) because i had to catch the train.
 - (c) i forgot to pack my toothbrush
 - (d) and as we were short on time.
- (a) A,D,C,B
- (b) B, D, C, A
- (c) A, B, C, D
- (d) B, C, D, H
2. Identify the correct sentence
- (a) Megan and I went to watch the movie
 - (b) Megan went to watch a movie with i
 - (c) Megan and me went to watch a movie
 - (d) I and Megan went to watch a movie

3. Identify the correct sequence of sentence
Procedure for making ginger cookies preheat oven to 200°C
(a) Combine the baking soda, flour, spices and salt in a separate bowl
(b) Cream the butter, Sugar and add the egg
(c) Place on greased cookies sheet and bake for about 11 minutes.
(d) Combine the wet and dry mixtures shape into small cookies
(a) CADB (b) ABCD
(c) BADC (d) BCBA
4. Which of the following parts of the sentence has an error?
People are (1) listening to (2) these stories (3) for time immemorial (4)
(a) 1 & 2
(b) 2 & 4
(c) 1 & 4
(d) 2 & 3
5. Identify the correct sequence of sentences.
(a) we see money
(b) as consumers
(c) but also as the solution to our problems
(d) not only as the total to obtain happiness
(a) acbd
(b) bacd
(c) abcd
(d) badc
6. Identify the correct sentence-
(a) This is Ruesell's and Raymond's new car
(b) This is Ruesell's and Raymond's new' car
(c) This is Ruesell's and Raymond new car
(d) This is Ruesell's and Raymond's' new car
7. Choose the correct option that best fits the meaning of the sentence-
Lalita became _____ at typing because she practiced every day for a month.
(a) Confused
(b) Co-operative
(c) Competent
(d) Contemplative

8. Identify the incorrect sentence-
 - (a) James has decided to quit his job
 - (b) James does not resemble either of his parents
 - (c) James don't speak either English or German
 - (d) James is clever but the lacks experience
9. Complete the sentence with a suitable option.
The advantages of upward communication include_____
 - (a) superiors might have poor listening skills
 - (b) creates mutual trust between executives and employees
 - (c) the line of communication is disrupted
 - (d) the immediate boss might resent being bypassed
10. Fill in the blanks with the correct option –
The _____ of his collapsed building was heart breaking to him.
 - (a) sight
 - (b) cite
 - (c) cyte
 - (d) site
11. Choose the phrase which is impolite
 - (a) We accept all kinds of credit cards
 - (b) We reject your business proposal
 - (c) We offer our services at very affordable prices
 - (d) We are always ready to serve you
12. One word for the dead body of an animal is
 - (a) Debris
 - (b) Carcass
 - (c) Residue
 - (d) Junk
13. The word that is spelt correctly is
 - (a) Greateful
 - (b) Greatful
 - (c) Graetful
 - (d) Grateful
14. Choose the correct option that best fits the meaning of the sentence.
I was hoping for some peaceful moments but had _____experience because of the man sitting next to me.

- (a) a satisfactory
 - (b) a blissful
 - (c) an irritating
 - (d) an enjoyable
15. Find the correct alternative for the underlined part
Biotechnology is a broad area of biology that involving living system and organisms.
- (a) Which involve living systems
 - (b) That involve living systems
 - (c) Involving living systems
 - (d) Involved living systems
16. Choose the option which denotes the correct meaning of the underlined word our collage laboratory is replete with banks of video monitors
- (a) a large tropical lizard
 - (b) a student in a school who performs special duties
 - (c) a piece of equipment used to check or record something
 - (d) a display screen used to show particular kinds of information
17. Complete the Proverb Correctly.
Cross the Stream
- (a) where it is shallowest
 - (b) where it is the deepest
 - (c) and prepare of the worst
 - (d) and prepare for the best
18. The correct synonym of the word PARAMOUNT is
- (a) Very important
 - (b) Very large
 - (c) Very popular
 - (d) Very dense
19. The idiom WET BLANKET is used for a
- (a) New born baby
 - (b) Floating candle
 - (c) Cover for face
 - (d) Spoilsport
20. Fill in the blanks with the correct option
Rohan my_____ is a man of_____
- (a) Principle, Principle
 - (b) Principal, Principal
 - (c) Principal, Principle
 - (d) Principle, Principal

21. One word that substitutes the underlined words in the given sentence is.
Ravi thinks he is incapable of making a mistake
- (a) Inaccessible
 - (b) Infallible
 - (c) Ingenious
 - (d) Inactive
22. Choose the correct option-
Malaprops
- (a) illogically
 - (b) incoherently
 - (c) irrationally
 - (d) inappropriately
23. The word that is spelt correctly is-
- (a) Millennium
 - (b) Millenium
 - (c) Milenium
 - (d) Milennium
24. Choose the option which denotes the correct meaning of the underlined word.
Megan writes a monthly column for a leading national newspaper.
- (a) Series of numbers or words arranged one under the other down a page.
 - (b) A write up that appears regularly and deals with a particular subject.
 - (c) A straight section from top to bottom on a page.
 - (d) A tall, solid post, usually round and made of stone that supports or decorates a building.
25. Complete the proverb correctly-
Call it a day
- (a) stop working for something
 - (b) start working on something
 - (c) stop working on something
 - (d) start working on everything
26. What is the synonym of word Pacify?
- (a) To pull up
 - (b) To calm down
 - (c) To blow up
 - (d) To bring down

27. Which of the following can be used to select a particular area of an image and discard the portions outside the chosen section?
- (a) Marquee (b) Slicing
(c) Eraser (d) Cropping
28. The idiom "spill the beans" stands for
- (a) Revealing
(b) Sharing happiness
(c) Spreading rumours
(d) Telling secret information
29. Which part of the following sentence has an error?
Raghav asked Riya if (1) she wants to have tea (2) she replied that (3) she preferred coffee than tea (4)
- (a) 3
(b) 2
(c) 4
(d) 1

Read the Passage and answer the questions given below 30 to 32:

Between 1724 and 1730 Maharajah Sawai Jai Singh of Jaipur constructed five astronomical observatories or "Jantar Mantars" as they are commonly known, incorporate multiple buildings of unique form, each with a specialized function for astronomical measurement. These structures with their striking combinations of geometric forms at large scale have captivated the attention of architects, artists, and art historians world wide, yet remain largely unknown to the general public. The words Jantar and Mantar (or Yantra and Mantra) mean calculating instrument. The Jantar Mantar is an equinoctial Sundial. Consisting of a gigantic triangular gnomon (the upright part of a sundial that casts a shadow) with the hypotenuse parallel to the earth's axis. On either side of the gnomon is a quadrant of a circle. Parallel to the plane of the equator the instrument is intended to measure the time of day. Correct to half a second and declinations of the sun and other heavenly bodies there were five Jantar Mantars in India, of which the largest is in Jaipur which features many instruments along with the world's largest stone Sundial. At present only four Jantar Mantar exist, as the Jantar Mantar at Mathura was torn down just before Revolt of 1857 the Samrat Yantra is a sundial that is

claimed to give the local time to an accuracy of 2 seconds it Varihat is a UNESCO world heritage site In the early 18th Century Maharaja Jai Singh of Jaipur constructed five Jantar Mantar in total, in New Delhi, Jaipur, Ujjain, Mathura and Varanasi, they were completed between 1724 and 1735. The Jantar have instrument like Samrat Yantra, Jai Prakash, Ram Yantra and Niyati Chakra each of which are used to for venous astronomical calculations. The Primary purpose of the observatory was to compile astronomical tables and to predict the times and movements of the sun moon and planets.

30. The primary purpose of Jantar Mantar is to Calculate_____.
- (a) time
 - (b) months
 - (c) astronomical tables
 - (d) distance
31. The world's largest sundial is located in which of the followings places?
- (a) Jaipur
 - (b) New Delhi
 - (c) Mathura
 - (d) Ujjain
32. How many Jantar Mantar built by Jai Singh II of Jaipur?
- (a) 2
 - (b) 3
 - (c) 4
 - (d) 5

Read the passage and answer the questions given below 33 to 36:

Dakshin Gangotri was the first scientific base station of India situated in Antarctica, part of the Indian Antarctic Programme. It is located at a distance of 2,500 kilometres from the South pole, it is currently being used as a supply base and transit Camp. The base is named after Dakshin Gangotri Glacier. It was established during the third Indian expedition to Antarctica in 1983-84 this was the first time an Indian team spent a winter in Antarctica to carry out scientific works, the station was built in eight weeks by an 81- member team that included geologist Sudipta Sen gupta. Construction was completed late into January 1984 with help from the Indian army and Indian Republic Day was celebrated

at the station along with the Soviets and East Germans, it was an unmanned station, set up using indigenous Indian equipment powered by Solar Energy. The station was entirely computerized to record all data that was researched it was built using pre-fabricated timber, and was intended as a permanent station. In 1984 the first Indian Post Office in Antarctica was established at Dakshin Gangotri. The Post Office at Dakshin Gangotri was multiple support systems, which also includes an ice-melting plant, laboratories, storage, accommodation recreation, facilities, a clinic and a bank counter, Dakshin Gangotri was decommissioned in the year 1990 after half of it got buried under the ice. It was now maked as a historical site. On January 26, 1988, the Dakshin Gangotri PO was established under the Department of Post at Goa Scientist, G. Sudhankar Rao who went to Antarctica as member of the seventh Indian Scientific Expedition in 1987, was appointed as the first Honorary Postmaster.

33. The Dakshin Gangotri was closed because _____.
- (a) there was no post master
 - (b) there were no Posts
 - (c) it got half buried in ice
 - (d) it melted
34. The first Indian Post Office in Antarctica was established in _____
- (a) 1983
 - (b) 1984
 - (c) 1985
 - (d) 1988
35. Dakshin Gangotri was established on the _____ Indian expedition to Antarctica.
- (a) first
 - (b) second
 - (c) third
 - (d) fourth
36. The question consists of four statements which when logically ordered from a coherent passage, choose the option that represents the most logical order.
- (a) His favorable genre was crime and he published under the pen name Luke smart
 - (b) He emigrated to Canada with mis parents when he was four year old
 - (c) He relocated to London in 1881 and embarked on his most prolific stint of writing

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- (d) Robert Barr, born in 1849, was a Scottish – Canadian – English novelist
- (a) dcab
(b) dcba
(c) dbca
(d) dbac

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1. (b) The correct sequence of sentence will be
(b) because I had to catch the train
(d) and as we were short on time
(c) I forgot to pack my toothbrush
(a) for our vacation.
2. (a) The correct sentence is
Megan and I went to watch the movie.
The rule is you should say "Megan and I" ONLY when you need the subject of a sentence or phrase. If the words "Megan and I" are serving as the object of a phrase, then you need to switch to "Megan and me." In this sentence it is a subject matter hence we will use **Megan and I.**
3. (c) The correct sequence of sentence will be Procedure for making ginger cookies preheat oven to 200°C Cream the butter, sugar and add the egg Combine the baking soda, flour, spices and salt in a separate bowl Combine the wet and dry mixtures shape into small cookies. Place on greased cookies sheet and bake for about 11 minutes.
4. (c) Following parts of the sentence has an error.
(1) People are
(4) for time immemorial
5. (d) The correct sequence will be
As consumers
We see money
Not only as the total to obtain happiness
But also as the solution to our problems.

6. (a) The correct sentence will be This is Russell's and Raymond's new car.
7. (c) Lalita became **competent** at typing because she practiced every day for a month. Competent means having the ability or skill needed for something.
8. (d) James is clever but the lacks experience is the grammatically incorrect sentence. Whereas; James has decided to quit his job. James doesn't resemble either of his parents. James don't speak either English or German. Are grammatically correct.
9. (b) Upward Communication is **the process of information flowing from the lower levels of a hierarchy to the upper levels**. This type of communication is becoming more popular in organizations as traditional forms of communication are becoming less popular. The advantage of upward communication includes that it creates mutual trust between executives and employees.
10. (a) The **sight** of his collapsed building was heart breaking to him. The other meaning of the word **sight** can be appearance, eye, perception, view, vision, display, parade, scene, spectacle, afterimage, apperception, apprehension, eyeshot, eyesight, ken, seeing, visibility, exhibit, exhibition, outlook.
11. (b) The phrase which is impolite is
(c) We reject your business proposal.
(c) It reflects a negative impact on the reader.
12. (b) **Carcass or Carcase** (both pronounced /'kɑ:rkəs/) may refer to: Dressed carcass, the body of a livestock animal ready for butchery, after removal of skin, visceral organs, head, feet etc. Carrion, the dead body of an animal or human being.
13. (b) The correctly spelt word is **GREATFUL**.
14. (c) I was hoping for some peaceful moments but had **an irritating** experience because of the man sitting next to me.
15. (c) Biotechnology is a broad area of biology **involving living systems**. Biotechnology is the use of biology to solve problems and make useful products. The most prominent approach used is genetic engineering, which enables scientists to tailor an organism's DNA at will.

16. (d) Our college laboratory is replete with banks of Video **monitors** means **a display screen used to show particular kinds of information.**
17. (a) The meaning of the proverb is **Cross the stream where it is shallowest.**
18. (a) The correct synonym of the word PARAMOUNT is **very important.**
19. (d) The idiom **wet blanket** is used for a **spoilsport**. It means a person who spoils other people's fun by failing to join in with or by disapproving of their activities.
20. (c) Rohan my **principal** is a man of **Principle**. "Principle" is a noun. It can be described as a rule or idea in relation to behaviour or how something works. "Principal", on the other hand, can be either used as a noun or an adjective.
21. (b) Infallible means a person or thing that is incapable of error or failure.
22. (b) Malaprops means an amusing mistake somebody makes when they use a word that sounds similar to the word they meant to use but has a completely different meaning.
23. (a) Millennium, a **period of 1,000 years**. The Gregorian calendar, put forth in 1582 and subsequently adopted by most countries, did not include a year 0 in the transition from bc (years before Christ) to ad (those since his birth). Thus, the 1st millennium is defined as spanning years 1–1000 and the 2nd the years 1001–2000.
24. (b) Megan writes a monthly column for a leading national newspaper. **Column** means **a write up that appears regularly and deals with a particular subject**. A **column** is a recurring piece or article in a newspaper, magazine or other publication, where a writer expresses their own opinion in few columns allotted to them by the newspaper organisation. Columns are written by columnist.
25. (c) To stop working, either at one's job or on a particular task, for the rest of the day. For Example:
When we still couldn't find the source of the discrepancy, we decided to call it a day and revisit it tomorrow.
This package is the last one. Once we get this shipped, we can call it a day.

26. (b) The synonym for Pacify means to make somebody who is angry or upset be calm or quiet.
27. (d) Cropping can be used to select a particular area of an image and discard the portions outside the chosen section. To “crop” an image is to remove or adjust the outside edges of an image (typically a photo) to improve framing or composition, draw a viewer's eye to the image subject, or change the size or aspect ratio. In other words, image cropping is the act of improving a photo or image by removing the unnecessary parts.
28. (d) The meaning of the idiom ‘spill the beans’ means **telling secret information.**
29. (c) Sentence 4 i.e., she preferred coffee than tea is having an error. Prefer is used with to and not rather than. So, I prefer tea to coffee is the right usage. Is the sentence “I prefer tea on coffee” correct? **No, you need to say you prefer tea OVER coffee** (or 'above' coffee).
30. (c) The primary purpose of Jantar Mantar is to calculate **astronomical tables.**
31. (a) The world’s largest sundial is located in Jaipur. The **Jantar Mantar, Jaipur** is a collection of 19 astronomical instruments built by the Rajput king Sawai Jai Singh II, the founder of Jaipur, Rajasthan. The monument was completed in 1734. It features the world's largest stone sundial, and is a UNESCO World Heritage site.
32. (d) Jantar mantar were built by Jai Singh II of Jaipur. Jai Singh built 5 observatories across northern India between 1724 and 1730. the decision to build multiple observatories at large distances from one another was in part a quest for accuracy; the ability to compare readings from different coordinates.
33. (c) Dakshin Gangotri was decommissioned in the year **1990** after half of it got buried under the ice.
34. (b) Located in Dakshin Gangotri, India's first scientific base in Antarctica, this post office first became operational on **February 24, 1984**, after it was established during the third Indian expedition to the frigid 'White Continent.

S And now it was almost disappearing

- (a) PRSQ (b) QPSR
(c) RQSP (d) QSPR

3. Which sentences follows the correct ADJECTIVE ORDER in the given sentences?
- (a) Nirmala was glad to meet a new interesting chinese physics teacher
(b) Nirmala was glad to meet an interesting chinese new physics teacher
(c) Nirmala was glad to meet a new physics interesting chinese teacher
(d) Nirmala was glad to meet an interesting new chinese physics teacher
4. Fill in the blanks with the correct options.
Riya_____ have waited for her friends for two hours by 9'O Clock.
- (a) Shall be (b) Has
(c) Will (d) Could
5. Which part of the following sentence has an error?
Sunita has won (1) the match (2) so we should meet and congratulate her, (3) for her success (4)
- (a) 3 (b) 2
(c) 1 (d) 4
6. Which is the correct Sentence?
- (a) You are prohibited to go outside unless rainings is not stopped
(b) You are prohibited to go outside unless it will not stop raining
(c) You are prohibited to go outside unless if does not stop raining
(d) You are prohibited to go outside unless it stops raining.
7. Directions Rearrange the items ABCDE to form a meaningful sentence.
- (A) Is Considered as an option only
(B) Is in a prolonged comatose state
(C) When the Patient is either in terrible pain
(D) Euthanasia
(E) And longs for release or
- (a) DACEB
(b) DBCEA
(c) CEABD
(d) CEBDA

8. Proofread the following and Identify the sentence that has correct punctuation marks?
- (a) I have been working with media minds Pvt. Ltd. West Bengal for the last 3 months as marketing manager
 - (b) I have been working with media minds Pvt. Ltd. West Bengal for the last 3 month as Marketing Manager
 - (c) I have been working Media Minds Pvt. Ltd. West Bengal, for the last 3 month as Marketing Manager
 - (d) I have been working with media minds Pvt. Ltd. West Bengal, for the last 3 months as Marketing Manager
9. **Directions:** The following sentence are jumbled up Rearrange the item, P,Q,R,S to form a meaningful paragraph.
- P paper is different from other waste produce because it comes from a sustainable resource trees.
- Q Paper is also biodegradable, so it poses less threat to the environment when it is discarded.
- R Unlike the minerals and oil used to make plastic and metals, trees are replaceable.
- S while 45 out of every 100 tones of wood fibre used to make paper in Australia Comes from waste paper,. the rest comes directly from virgin fibre from forests and plantations:
- (a) SPRQ
 - (b) SRQP
 - (c) PRQS
 - (d) RPQS
10. Which of the following statements has the CORRECT usage of the ARTICLE?
- (a) I Saw European stranded on the roadside
 - (b) I Saw a European stranded on the street
 - (c) I Saw an European stranded on the roadside
 - (d) The European I saw stranded on the roadside
11. Which of the following words Completes the given sentence meaningfully?
- An___population decline of about 40 percent over the past three decades in the African range of Lions makes them a vulnerables species?

- (a) Irremovable (b) Irreversible
(c) Invigorating (d) Inciting
12. The Prefix used in the word IRREPROACHABLE is:
(a) Able (b) Rep
(c) Ir (d) Reproach
13. Which part of the following sentence has an error?
If it (1) continues to raining, (2) we will cancel our plan (3) of going on an outing to terraced Garden (4)
(a) 3 (b) 1
(c) 4 (d) 2
14. Which of the following sentence is CORRECT?
(a) The letter was returned to the postman that did not belong to him
(b) He returned the letter to the postman that did not belong to him
(c) He returned the letter to the postman which did not belong to him
(d) He returned the letter that did not belong to him to the postman
15. Choose the correct options and fill in the blanks.
He has been _____ in such a way that he never _____ depended on any one for his daily.
(a) bread, bread
(b) bred, bred
(c) bred, bread
(d) bread, bred
16. The word underlined means which of the following?
The American company arm is responsible for overseeing the strategic planning occasionally
(a) an inlet or cave
(b) sleeve of garment
(c) the upper limb of the human body
(d) an administrative or operational branch
17. Fill in the blanks with the correct options.
The manager did some _____ at work because it was my first week.
(a) hand – holding
(b) hand – wetting
(c) hand – lifting
(d) hand – washing

18. Which of the following words completes the given sentence meaningful?
C.V. Raman made several discoveries, which turned out to be extremely important during his _____ across the Mediterranean.
- (a) Reign (b) Presage
(c) Voyage (d) Reminiscence
19. Which of the following words is spell correctly?
- (a) Conscientious
(b) Consceintous
(c) Conscientous
(d) Consceintious
20. Which of the following in OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word?
Morbid
- (a) Dreadful (b) Sullen
(c) Cheerful (d) Ailing
21. Choose the Correct option and fill in the blanks.
Shriya always _____ People to think twice before giving _____ to others.
- (a) advised, advise
(b) adviced, advice
(c) advised, advice
(d) adviced, adviced
22. What is the appropriate meaning of the underlined word?
He got the **wind** of what his opponent was Planning against him?
- (a) The accumulation of gasage
(b) To learn of something
(c) Air in natural motion
(d) To twine around
23. Fill in the blanks with the correct option.
I don't agree with you, but your idea certainly gives me _____.
- (a) Food for fun (b) Food for reacting
(c) Food for thought (d) Food for understanding
24. The word that is spelt correctly is:
- (a) Benevolent (b) Benovolent
(c) Benoalent (d) Benevalent

25. Which of the following is opposite in meaning to the given word?

Forsake:

- (a) Keep
- (b) Disown
- (c) Resign
- (d) Desert

Read the passage and answer the questions given below 26 to 28:

Geoengineering, is the large-scale manipulation of a specific process central to controlling Earth's climate for the purpose of obtaining a specific benefit. Traditionally, geoengineering has encompassed two very different things sucking carbon dioxide out of the sky so the atmosphere will trap less heat, and reflecting more sunlight away from the planet so less heat is absorbed in the first place. The first of these, known as "carbon removal". The carbon removal approach would extract CO_2 from other gases in the atmosphere by changing it into other forms of carbon (such as Carbonate) through photosynthesis or artificial "Scrubbing". This is something that scholars now largely agree we will need to do in order to avoid dangerous levels of warning. The second more contentious branch, known as solar geoengineering is a blanket term that includes ideas like setting up sun shields in space or dispersing microscopic particles in the air in various ways to make coastal clouds more reflective, dissipate heat-trapping cirrus clouds, or scatter sunlight in the stratosphere. The word geoengineering suggests a planetary scale technology. But some researchers have looked at the possibility of conducting it in localized ways as well, exploring various methods that might protect coral reefs. Coastal redwoods, and ice sheets Geoengineering proposals were first developed in the middle of the 8th century relying on technologies developed during world war ii, such proposals were designed to alter weather systems in order to obtain more favourable climate conditions on a regional scale. One of the best-known techniques is cloud seeding, a process that attempts to bring rain to parched farmland by dispersing particles of silver iodide or solid carbon dioxide into rain-bearing clouds.

26. Artificial scrubbing removes which of the following from the atmosphere?
(a) Oxygen (b) Carbon dioxide
(c) Silver iodide (d) Carbon monoxide
27. Cloud seeding produces _____.
(a) drought (b) rain
(c) snow (d) storm
28. Geoengineering includes _____ main ideas.
(a) 2 (b) 3
(c) 4 (d) 5

Read the Passage and answer the questions given below 29 to 31:

The shy, harmless pangolin is becoming increasingly well known for one reason. It's believed to be the world's most trafficked non-human mammal. Tens of thousands of Pangolins are poached every year, killed for their scales for use in traditional Chinese medicine and for their meat, a delicacy among some Ultra-wealthy in China and Vietnam. Pangolins are mammals of the order Pholidata (from Ancient Greek "lack in scales") Pangolins have large, protective scales covering their skin, they are the only known mammals with the feature. The scales are made of keratin-the same material as human fingernails _

Which gives them the nickname 'scaly anteater' when threatened, they roll into ball, like an armadillo, and they can release a stinky fluid from a gland at the base of their tails as a defence mechanism, like anteaters, Pangolins have long snouts and even longer tongues, which they use to lap up ants and termites they excavate from mounds with their powerful front claws they are able to close their noses and ears to keep ants out when they are eating . Though they look and act a lot like anteaters and armadillos, Pangolins are more closely related to bears. Cats and dogs they range in size from a large house cat to more than four feet long, they live in hollow trees or burrows, depending on the species Pangolins are nocturnal, and their diet consists of mainly ants and termites, which they capture using their long tongues, they tend to be solitary animals, meeting only to mate and produce a litter of one to three offspring, which they raise for about two years Pangolins are threatened by Poaching and heavy deforestation of their natural habitats, and the most trafficked mammals in the world.

29. Pangolins mainly eat _____.
(a) Fruits
(b) Vegetables
(c) Leaves
(d) Ants
30. Pangolins are _____.
(a) Fierce
(b) Poisonous
(c) Harmless
(d) Dangerous
31. Pangolins are closely related to _____.
(a) Bears
(b) Armadillos
(c) Anteaters
(d) Rhinoceres

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1. (b) The correct sequence of sentences will be:
(5) As an infant
(1) sleep cycle
(2) grows
(4) its
(3) changes
2. (b) The correct sequence will be as:
Q. For centuries the huarango tree was vital to the people of the middle Ica valley.
P. They grew vegetables under it and ate products made from its seed pods. Its leavers and bark were used for herbal remedies, while its branches were used for charcoal for cooking and heating and its trunk was used to build houses.
S. And now it was almost disappearing.
R. The majority of the hurango forests in the valley have already been cleared for fuel and agriculture- initially, these were small holdings, but now they're hugs farms producing crops for the international market.

3. (b) There are some rules for arranging the multiple adjectives in one sentence. The rule is that **multiple adjectives are always ranked according to their:**
- opinion
 - size
 - age
 - shape
 - colour
 - origin
 - material
 - purpose.
- Hence, in the given sentence the correct statement will be **Nirmala was glad to meet an interesting Chinese new physics teacher.**
4. (d) Riya could have waited for her friends for two hours by 9'O clock.
5. (d) In the given sentence the 4th part i.e., for her success is having an error. The general rule of thumb when using pronouns multiple times in a phrase is that the pronoun should refer to the same noun. That being said, there is an even better sentence: "**This part of the book highlights her kindness and self-confidence.**"
6. (d) The correct sentence will be:
You are prohibited to go outside unless it stops raining.
7. (d) (c) When the Patient is either in terrible pain (e) and longs for release or (b) is in a prolonged comatose state (d) euthanasia (a) is considered as an option only.
8. (d) I have been working with media minds Pvt. Ltd., West Bengal, for the last 3 months as Marketing Manager.
9. (d) The correct sequence will be:
(R) Unlike the minerals and oil used to make plastic and metals, trees are replaceable.
(P) Paper is different from other waste produce because it comes from a sustainable resource trees.
(Q) Paper is also biodegradable, so it possess less threat to the environment when it is discarded.

- (S) While 45 out of every 100 tones of wood fibre used to make paper in Australia comes from waste paper, the rest comes directly from virgin fibre from forests and plantations.
10. (c) I saw an European stranded on the roadside.
11. (c) An invigorating population decline of about 40 percent over the past three decades in the African range of lions makes them a vulnerable species.
12. (c) The prefix used in the word IRREPROACHABLE is IR.
13. (c) Part 4 is having an error the correct sequence will be if it continues to raining we will cancel our plan for going on an outing to terraced garden.
14. (c) The correct sentence is:
He returned the letter to the postman which did not belong to him.
15. (c) He has been **Bred** in such a way that he never depended on any one for his daily **bread**.
The meaning of each word is as follows:
Bred- The definition of bred means to have made an offspring.
Bread-Bread is a slang word for money.
16. (d) The American company **arm (means an administrative or operational branch)** is responsible for overseeing the strategic planning occasionally.
17. (a) The manager did some **hand-holding** at work because it was my first week.
The meaning of Hand-holding is the provision of careful support or guidance to someone during a learning process or a period of change.
18. (a) C.V. Raman made several discoveries, which turned out to be extremely important during his **reign** across the Mediterranean.
19. (a) The correct spelt word will be as Conscientious.
Definition of conscientious
1 : **meticulous, careful** a conscientious listener.
2 : governed by or conforming to the dictates of conscience:
scrupulous a conscientious public servant.

20. (c) The opposite word for the given word **Morbid is Cheerful**.
Meaning of Morbid – Characterized by an abnormal and unhealthy interest in disturbing and unpleasant subjects, especially death and disease.
Meaning of Cheerful – Noticeably happy and optimistic.
21. (c) Shriya always advised people to think twice before giving advice to others.
The main difference between advice vs advise is that “advise” (with an S) is a verb, which means to recommend, or to give information to someone. On the other hand, “advice” (with a C) is a noun: an opinion or recommendation offered as a guide to action.
22. (b) The appropriate meaning of the underlined term got the wind means to Learn of; hear a rumor about. **For example**, “If my old aunt gets wind of it, she'll cut me off with a shilling”. This expression alludes to an animal perceiving a scent carried by the wind.
23. (c) I don't agree with you, but your idea certainly gives me food for thought.
The phrase food for thought is a metaphor: It suggests that the information that has been presented is like or should be treated like food that needs to be digested. In this way, the potentially helpful or insightful points that can be taken from the information are like nutrients that can be absorbed into the body.
24. (a) The correctly spelt word is Benevolent. Definition of BENEVOLENT (adjective):
generous and willing to help people.
25. (a) The opposite word for the given word Forsake is Keep.
Meaning: Forsake- disown, quit, repudiate, desert, resign
Keep- retain, detain, hold, hold fast, stay.
26. (b) Artificial scrubbing removes **carbon dioxide** from the atmosphere.
27. (b) Cloud seeding produces rain.
28. (a) Geoengineering includes 2 main ideas.
29. (d) Pangolins mainly eat ants.
30. (c) Pangolins are harmless.
31. (c) Pangolins are closely related to anteaters.

QUESTIONS OF NOVEMBER 2022

1. Which part of the sentence has an error in it?
“P) most of the/Q) old castle/R) are/ S) dangerous.”
(a) P (b) S
(c) R (d) Q
2. Which of the following parts in a sentence has an error?
I and Radhika was hit by a car on the road and I had an injury on my knee.
(a) and I had an injury (b) on the road
(c) I and Radha was hit by a car(d) on my knee
3. Which of the following parts of speech is missing in the given statement?
How, according to the author, the baker friend, companion and guide in his childhood?
(a) Article (b) Helping verb
(c) Noun (d) Preposition
4. What is most logical order of the following sentences?
A. Next day he felt very uneasy at the office and had difficulty concentrating on work.
B. On the way back home, he fell excessively tired. He decided to park his car in a quiet place.
C. He was trying to recover from jet lag and was tired.
D. Eighteen-year old Software Engineer, one morning returned to Mumbai from America.
E. He took a nap for 3 hours in his car and then could manage to drive back home safely.
F. In fact, there are many sleep disorder experts pointed out, lack of sleep is the reason for many ailments.
(a) D,C,A,B,E,F (b) B,D,A,E,F,C
(c) D,A,C,E,F,B (d) F,D,C,A,B,E
5. Which one of the following sentence is CORRECT?
(a) The baby sparrow was really small and the water pot place at height.
(b) The baby sparrow was really small and the water pot was placed at height.

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- (c) The baby sparrow was really small and the water pot was place at height.
 - (d) The baby sparrow was really small and the water pot were placed on height.
6. What part of the given sentence has a grammatical error?
- (A) Only 2% farmers believed that they were
 - (B) Able to cope up with drought
 - (C) With the majority (about 8%) indicating they were
 - (D) Unable to mitigate drought impacts.
- (a) B
 - (b) A
 - (c) D
 - (d) C
7. Which of the following sentences is correctly punctuated?
- (a) Though Suri prefers playing golf, he played basketball, and he enjoyed it very much.
 - (b) Though Suri prefers playing golf he played basketball and he enjoyed it very much.
 - (c) Though Suri prefers playing golf he played basketball, and he enjoyed it very much.
 - (d) Though Suri prefers playing golf; he played basketball and he enjoyed it very much.
8. What is the most logical order of the sentences to construct a coherent paragraph?
- (P) Although every profession has its own place due to the high pressure and intense nature of job people helping to build society should be compensated more than the other sectors.
 - (Q) Initially, Medical and Education staff are working round the clock to help society so should be paid more while the people working in entertainment and sports are merely entertaining the public
 - (R) For example, if scientists have fatty pay and perks which are fulfilling their needs so they can be more focused on their jobs without any hindrance therefore the sound financial condition will enhance the focus on work

- (S) Moreover to achieve the best from the staff working in an emergency services and education sector experience is the key to success. An employee will never leave the job and as they remain in the field will have a better understanding of the system, norms and mission if they were well compensated more than the industry norms.
- (a) Q, R, S, P (b) Q, R, P, S
(c) P, S, Q, R (d) Q, S, P, R
9. Fill in the blanks with the correct option:
Rama was asked to leave her ____ on account of her ____ behavior.
- (a) Coarse/Course (b) Coarse/Coarse
(c) Course/Course (d) Course/Coarse
10. What is the most appropriate meaning of the 'Bear' in the sentence?
"This will sound weird, but bear with me."
- (a) Avoid (b) Reproduce
(c) Manage (d) Move
11. What is the one word substitution for "slow to react or respond"?
- (a) Tardy (b) Idle
(c) Couch- Potato (d) Sloth
12. What is the meaning of a French word "bon mot"?
- (a) General opinion (b) Disgraceful
(c) Funny remark (d) Remarkable performance
13. What is the most suitable antonym of 'Gigantic'?
- (a) Dwarf (b) Massive
(c) Mammoth (d) Enormous
14. Complete the following proverb from the options-
"Good fences make _____."
- (a) A place for cattle to live (b) Good surrounding
(c) Good future (d) Good neighbors
15. Which is the suitable meaning of the idiom underlined in a sentence?
That was all clear, open and above board, and no amendment was required.
- (a) Legitimate
(b) Dishonest person
(c) Arrogant man
(d) Boasting person

16. Which of the following word is spell correctly?
(a) Millionnare (b) Millionaere
(c) Millionere (d) Millionaire
17. Which is the most suitable word to complete the sentence?
“I hadn’t rested all day, and by the time I reached home I was_____.”
(a) Replenished (b) Overtire
(c) Exhausted (d) Cumbersome
18. Fill in the blanks with the correct option:
The _____ has soft and silky _____ that makes him look younger than what he is?
(a) Heir/heir (b) Hair/hair
(c) Hair/heir (d) Heir/hair
19. What is the most appropriate meaning of the word given in bold in the sentence?
“Write an **account** of what the picture suggests to you.”
(a) Summary (b) Agreement
(c) Description (d) Suggestion
20. A person who is able to use the right and left hands equally well is:
(a) Ambitious (b) Ambivalent
(c) Ambidextrous (d) Ambiguous
21. What is meaning of the Latin phrase ‘per se’?
(a) Primarily
(b) By itself
(c) A lot of
(d) At all
22. Which of the following has the similar meaning of ‘Rude’?
(a) Polite
(b) Deferential
(c) Gallant
(d) Impertinent
23. Choose the correct proverb from the following:
(a) Bitter pills may have blessed results
(b) Pills those are bitter may affect people
(c) Bitter pills may have sweet effects
(d) Bitter pills may have blessed effects

24. Which is the correct meaning of the idiom “to add fuel to the fire”?
- (a) To flatter or be nice to someone
 - (b) To help someone
 - (c) O make a confession of a secret
 - (d) To make any problem worse
25. Which of the following words is spell correctly?
- (a) Ammature
 - (b) Amateur
 - (c) Ametaur
 - (d) Ameture
26. Which is the most appropriate option to complete the blanks in the sentence?
- “Life on earth around 3.8 billion years ago and has since _____ and _____ though the process of natural selection to be adopted to almost every environment possible.”
- (a) Diversity/evolved
 - (b) Evolved/diversified
 - (c) Modification/diversify
 - (d) Advancement/evolved

Read the passage and answer the question from 27 to 29.

The University of Ancient Taxila was a renowned ancient institute of higher-learning located in the ancient Indian city of Taxila, located on the eastern coast of the Indus River. A major settlement from around 1000 BCE, it became the capital of the Achaemenid conquest of the Indus Valley around 515 BCE. Taxila was at the crossroad of the main trade roads of Asia, was probably populated by Persians, Greeks, Scythians and many ethnicities coming from the various parts of the Achaemenid Empire. The University was particularly renowned for science, especially medicine and the arts, but both religious and secular subjects were taught, and even subject such as archery or astrology. It is believed that over 20,000 students from China, Babylon, Syna and Greece, in addition to the Indian students studied there. The Persian conquest probably made Taxila University a very cosmopolitan environment in which numerous cultures and ethnicities could exchange their knowledge. The role of Taxila University as a Centre of knowledge continued under the Maurya Empire and Greek rule (Indo-Greeks) in the 3rd and 2nd centuries BCE important professors that are said have taught at University of Taxila include Panini, the great 5th century BCE Indian grammarian, Chanakya, the influential Prime Minister of the founder of the Mauryan

Empire, and Kumarajata, the founder of Sautrantika School. Famous students include, Charaka, the Indian “father of medicine” and the one of the leading authorities in Ayurveda, is also said to have studied and practiced there. Chandragupta Maurya, the future founder of the Mauryan Empire, though born near Patna (Bihar) in Magadha, was taken by Chanakya for his training and education to Taxila, and had him educated there in “all the sciences and arts” of the period, including military sciences. There he studies for eight years. These accounts match Plutarch’s assertion that Alexander the Great met with young Chandragupta while campaigning in the Punjab.

27. The meeting between Alexander the Great and Chandragupta Maurya was recorded by _____ .

- (a) Panini (b) Chanakya
(c) Plutarch (d) Buddha

28. The University of Taxila was located in the _____ part of the ancient Indian subcontinent.

- (a) North-eastern coast of Indus river
(b) North-western coast of Indus river
(c) Northern coast of Indus river
(d) Southern coast of Indus river

29. Chandragupta Maurya was born in _____.

- (a) Babylon (b) Punjab
(c) Taxila (d) Magadha

Read the passage and answer the question from 30 to 32.

India holds the second-largest agricultural land in the world, with 20 agro-climatic regions and 157.35 million hectares of land under cultivation. Thus, agriculture plays a vital role with 58% of rural households depending on it even though India is no longer an agrarian economy. A report by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare estimates that the food grain production in India will be 279.51 million tons during the 2017-2018 crop year. Although India is self-sufficient in food production, its food production between 1947 and 1960 was so bad that there were risks for the occurrence of famine. Therefore, the Green Revolution was initiated in the 1960s in order to increase food production, alleviate extreme poverty and malnourishment in the country, and to feed millions. The Green Revolution in India refers

to a period in India when agriculture was converted into an industrial system due to the adoption of modern methods and technology, such as the use of high yielding variety (HYV) seeds, tractors, irrigation facilities, pesticides, and fertilizers. Mainly led by agricultural scientist M. S Swami Nathan in India, this period was part of the larger Green revolution endeavor initiated by Norman Borlaug, which leveraged agricultural research and technology to increase agricultural productivity in the developing world. The Green Revolution within India commenced in 1966, leading to an increase in food grain production, especially in Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh Major Milestones in this undertaking were the development of high-yielding varieties of rice and wheat, and rust resistant strains of wheat.

30. According to the passage, India holds _____.
(a) The second – largest agricultural land
(b) The third – largest agricultural land
(c) The sixth – largest agricultural land
(d) The fourth – largest agricultural land
31. The green revolution was initiated to counter _____.
(a) Happiness (b) War
(c) Plague (d) Famine
32. India has _____ different agro – climatic regions.
(a) 15
(b) 7
(c) 25
(d) 20

SOLUTIONS OF NOVEMBER 2022

1. (a) **Most** of the old castle are dangerous.”
In English, a capital letter is used **for the first word of a sentence and for all proper nouns** (words that name a specific person, place, organization, or thing). In some cases, capitalization is also required for the first word in a quotation and the first word after a colon.

2. (c) I and Radha was hit by a car has an error.
The correct sentence will be-
I and Radhika were hit by a car on the road and I had an injury on my knee.
3. (b) The Helping verb is missing in the given statement.
How, according to the author, the baker friend **was** companion and guide in his childhood?
Helping verbs are defined as verbs that help the main verb in a sentence by extending its meaning. They add detail to the main verb and are needed to complete the structure of a sentence. there are many types of helping verbs as - Am, is, are, was and were, being, been, and be, Have, has, had, do, does, did, will, would, shall, should, may, might, must, can, could!
4. (d) The most logical order of the following sentence is F, D, C, A, B, E.
F. In fact, there are many sleep disorder experts pointed out, lack of sleep is the reason for many ailments.
D. Eighteen-year old Software Engineer, one morning returned to Mumbai from America.
C. He was trying to recover from jet lag and was tired.
A. Next day he felt very uneasy at the office and had difficulty concentrating on work.
B. On the way back home, he fell excessively tired. He decided to park his car in a quiet place.
E. He took a nap for 3 hours in his car and then could manage to drive back home safely.
5. (b) The baby sparrow was really small and the water pot was placed at height.
This statement is CORRECT.
6. (d) Part C of the given sentence has a grammatical error
The correct sentence will be –
(a) Only 2% farmers believed that they were
(b) Able to cope up with drought
(c) Where the majority of them were indicating that they were
(d) Unable to mitigate the drought impacts.

7. (d) Though Suri prefers playing golf; he played basketball and he enjoyed it very much.

Explanation: Use a semicolon (;) to join two related independent clauses in place of a comma and a coordinating conjunction (and, but, or, nor, for, so, yet). Make sure when you use the semicolon that the connection between the two independent clauses is clear without the coordinating conjunction.

8. (d) The most logical order of the sentences to construct a coherent paragraph is Q, S, P, R

(Q) Initially, Medical and Education staff are working round the clock to help society so should be paid more while the people working in entertainment and sports are merely entertaining the public

(S) Moreover to achieve the best from the staff working in an emergency services and education sector experience is the key to success. An employee will never leave the job and as they remain in the field will have a better understanding of the system, norms and mission if they were well compensated more than the industry norms.

(P) Although every profession has its own place due to the high pressure and intense nature of job people helping to build society should be compensated more than the other sectors.

(R) **For example**, if scientists have fatty pay and perks which are fulfilling their needs so they can be more focused on their jobs without any hindrance therefore, the sound financial condition will enhance the focus on work.

9. (d) Rama was asked to leave her **course** on account of her **coarse** behavior.

Meaning of Course- a complete series of lessons or studies

Meaning of Coarse- (used about a person or his/her behavior) rude, likely to offend people; having bad manners.

10. (c) "This will sound weird, but bear with me."

Meaning of **Bear** - to be able to accept and deal with something unpleasant.

11. (d) The one word substitution for “slow to react or respond” is **sloth**.
Meaning of sloth- reluctance to work or make an effort; laziness.
12. (c) The meaning of a French word “ bon mot is **Funny remark**.
13. (a) The most suitable antonym of ‘Gigantic’ is **Dwarf**.
Meaning of Dwarf- a person, animal or plant that is much smaller than the usual size.
14. (d) “Good fences make **Good neighbors**.”
‘Good fences make good neighbours’ Meaning- This proverb expresses the need to have clear boundaries between properties, as well as the need for neighbours to respect these boundaries, if relations between neighbours are to remain amicable and ‘good’
15. (a) That was all clear, **open and above board**, and no amendment was required.
The correct meaning of the underlined idiom is **Candid and fair, without deceit or trickery**.
16. (d) The correct spelt word is **millionaire**. It means that a millionaire is an individual whose net worth or wealth is equal to or exceeds one million units of currency.
17. (c) “I hadn’t rested all day, and by the time I reached home I was **Exhausted**.”
18. (d) The **heir** has soft and silky **hair** that makes him look younger than what he is.
Meaning of heir- The person with the legal right to receive (inherit) money, property or a title when the owner dies.
Meaning of hair- The mass of long thin strands that grow on the head and body of people and animals; one such strand.
19. (c) “Write an **account** of what the picture suggests to you?”
The correct meaning of the given bold word **account** is **description**.
20. (c) A person who is able to use the right and left hands equally well is called as **Ambidextrous**.
21. (b) Per se means '**by itself**' or '**in itself**', and is used when you are talking about the qualities of one thing considered on its own, rather than in connection with other things.

22. (d) The similar meaning of 'Rude' is **impertinent**.
Meaning of impertinent - not showing respect to somebody who is older and more important; rude.
23. (d) **The correct option is (d)**.
Bitter pills may have blessed effect.
Meaning of the proverb- There are some unpleasant things that actually turn out to be good. What may seem uncomfortable to you in the beginning may have great benefits in the long run.
24. (d) To add fuel to the fire means- To make any problem worse.
25. (b) The correct spelling is **Amateur**.
It means the one who engages in a pursuit, study, science or sport as a pastime rather than as a profession.
Example: She played basketball as an amateur before turning a company secretary.
26. (b) "Life on earth around 3.8 billion years ago and has since **evolved** and **diversified** though the process of natural selection to be adopted to almost every environment possible."
27. (c) The meeting between Alexander the Great and Chandragupta Maurya was recorded by **Plutarch**.
28. (a) The University of Taxila was located in the **North-eastern coast of Indus river** part of the ancient Indian subcontinent.
29. (d) Chandragupta Maurya was born in **Magadha**.
30. (a) According to the passage, India holds **the second – largest agricultural land**.
31. (d) The green revolution was initiated to counter **famine**.
32. (d) India has **20** different agro – climatic regions.

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1. What type of error is noticeable in the following sentence?
"Responsibilities, discipline and principals should go together."
(a) Module (b) Sentence framing
(c) Spelling (d) Verb.

2. Rearrange the items P,Q,R,S to form a meaningful paragraph.
- P- The tower has been named Burj Khalifa to honour the UAE President, Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan for his support.
- Q- It is the tallest building in the world as well as the tallest free standing structure in the world, a record of which was previously held by CN tower, Toronto.
- R- The building is the part of the new 490- acre flagship development area called Downtown, Dubai, located near Dubai's main business district.
- S- Burj Khalifa is a skyscraper in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and the tallest man made structure ever built.
- (a) SQRP
(b) PQRS
(c) PSRQ
(d) SRPQ
3. Re-arrange the following scrambled words into a meaningful sentence.
(O) we / (P) difference / (Q) together / (R) make / (S) a
- (a) S,P,Q,O,R
(b) P,S,Q,O,R
(c) R,P,O,S,Q
(d) Q,O,R,S,P
4. Fill in the blanks with the correct options:
"the student was troublesome, _____ the teacher punished him."
- (a) So (b) As
(c) which (d) why
5. Which of the following word is spelled correctly?
- (a) Heirarchy (b) Hirearchy
(c) Hierarchy (d) Heirarchey
6. Which of the following best describes the word, 'Act of God'?
- It is:
- (a) a term usually used in insurance to denote areas which are only manageable by human efforts.
(b) a term usually used in insurance to denote profits arising out of man's excessive efforts.

- (c) a term usually used in insurance to denote risks arising out of natural causes beyond man's control.
 - (d) a term usually used in insurance to denote changes arising in man's life after he falls sick.
7. What is the meaning of the underlined word in the given sentence?
A person committing heinous crime is given a sentence to death.
- (a) Declaration
 - (b) Unit of grammar
 - (c) Capital punishment
 - (d) Reward
8. What is the meaning of the Greek word EUREKA?
- (a) I am unwell
 - (b) Good to know it
 - (c) I have found it
 - (d) It is true.
9. Which of the following proverbs conveys the meaning:
People of the same sort of with the same tastes and interests will be found together?
- (a) Easy come, easy go
 - (b) Birds of a feather flock together
 - (c) No man is an island.
 - (d) Two heads are better than one.
10. What is the meaning of the Greek word 'Alpha and Omega'?
- (a) Starting and end
 - (b) Black and white
 - (c) Old and new
 - (d) Genuine and sincere
11. Which of the following in the correct meaning of the idiom "A piece of cake"?
- (a) an ideal man
 - (b) Tough assignment
 - (c) Highly marked person
 - (d) Easily accomplished task.

12. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate homophones.
My daughter asked me _____ which year
I would be ready to _____ a house for her.
- (a) by / buy
 - (b) buy / by
 - (c) by / by
 - (d) buy / buy
13. In which of the following sentences is the word 'DESERT' used as a noun?
- (a) Many students desert military schools each year
 - (b) What is the name of that book in which a child asks God not to desert her?
 - (c) Nobody likes to live in the desert.
 - (d) Why do you desert leadership for internal affairs?
14. Which is the suitable adjective in the following sentences?
"Women have (few / fewer / less / lesser) jobs than men."
- (a) Fewer
 - (b) Few
 - (c) Less
 - (d) Lesser

Read the passage and answer the questions given below 15 to 17:

The morning of June 27th was clear and sunny, with the fresh warmth of a full - summer day, the flowers were blossoming properly and the grass was richly green. The people of the village began to gather in the square, between the post office and the bank, around ten O'clock, in some towns, there were so many people that the lottery took two days and had to be started on June 26th, but in this village, where there were only about 300 people, the whole lottery took only about 2 hours, so it could begin at ten O'clock in the morning and still be through in time to allow the villagers to get home for noon dinner.

The children assembled first, of course School was recently over for the summer and the feeling of liberty sat uneasily on most of them, they tended to gather together quietly for a while before they broke into boisterous play, and their talk was still of the classroom and the teacher of books and

reprimands. Bobby Martin has already stuffed his pockets full of stones and the other boys soon followed his example, selecting the smoothest and roundest stones. Bobby and Harry Jones and Dickie Delacroix - the villagers pronounced this name "Dellacroy" - eventually made a great pile of stones in one corner of the square and guarded it against the raids of the other boys.

15. The people gather in the _____.
- (a) Church (b) Square
(c) Bank (d) Post office
16. The boys made a _____.
- (a) Pile of stones
(b) Fort
(c) Castle
(d) Tree house
17. The lottery in the village took _____.
- (a) 2 weeks
(b) 2 months
(c) 2 hours
(d) 2 days

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1. (c) Correct sentence will be-
Responsibilities, discipline and **principles** should go together.
Meaning of principal: "Principal", on the other hand, can be either used as a noun or an adjective.
Meaning of principle: "Principle" is a noun. It can be described as a rule or idea in relation to behaviour or how something works.
2. (a) **The correct sequence will be SQRP-**
- S.** Burj Khalifa is a skyscraper in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and the tallest man-made structure ever built.
- Q.** It is the tallest building in the world as well as the tallest free standing structure in the world, a record of which was previously held by CN tower, Toronto.

- R. The building is the part of the new 490-acre flagship development area called downtown, Dubai, located near Dubai's main business district.
- P. The tower has been named Burj Khalifa to honour the UAE President, Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan for his support.
3. (d) **Rearrangement:**
Q - Together
O - We
R - make
S - a
P- difference
4. (a) The student was troublesome, **so** the teacher punished him.
Sentence: Together we make a difference.
5. (c) The correct spelled word is **Hierarchy**.
6. (c) Act of God- a term usually used in insurance to denote risks arising out of natural causes beyond man's control.
7. (c) Sentence to death- capital punishment
8. (c) **EUREKA**- I have found it.
9. (b) **Birds of a feather flock together**- people of the same sort of with the same tastes and interests will be found together.
10. (a) **Alpha**- Starting
Omega- End
11. (d) A piece of cake – Easily accomplished task
12. (a) My daughter asked me **by** which year I would be ready to **buy** a house for her.
13. (c) **Meaning of DESERT** – a large area of land usually covered with sand that is hot and very little water and is covered with few plants. Nobody likes to live in the desert is the correct sentence.
14. (c) Women have **less** jobs than men.
15. (b) The people gather in the **square**
16. (a) The boys made a **pile of stones**.
17. (c) The lottery in the village took **2 hours**.

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1. Identify the appropriate meaning of the word “Find” in the given sentence.
She was excited to **find** a hidden treasure in the old chest:
(a) invent (b) locate
(c) express (d) discover
2. In the following questions, a group of sentences about a single topic are given. One or more of the sentence (s) is/are grammatically incorrect. You have to identify the incorrect sentence (s).
 - (i) Discipline is the cornerstone of success, as it requires consistent effort and self-control to achieve one’s goals.
 - (ii) Many parents believe that teaching their children discipline from an early age helps them develop strong character and responsibility.
 - (iii) In the military, discipline is of utmost importance as it ensures order and obedience in high-stress situations.
 - (iv) Personal discipline can be cultivated through practice like setting daily routines, prioritizing tasks and maintaining a strong work ethic..

(a) ii, iii (b) ii, iv
(c) i, iii (d) i, iv

Read the passage and answer the questions given below 3 to 5:

The Nobel Prize, established by the will of Alfred Nobel in 1895, remains one of the most prestigious and revered honours in the world. Over the years, it has continued to demonstrate its enduring relevance across various fields, from science and literature to peace efforts. This esteemed recognition not only celebrates the remarkable achievements of individuals but also serves as a beacon of inspiration and innovation.

Firstly, the Nobel Prize plays a pivotal role in acknowledging and rewarding ground breaking contributions to science and technology. It encourages researchers to push the boundaries of human knowledge, fostering innovation and progress. The scientific community eagerly anticipates the announcement of Nobel laureates each year, as it highlights the significance of their discoveries and further boosts the pursuit of knowledge.

Secondly, the Nobel Prize in literature recognizes the power of storytelling and its ability to shape society. It celebrates authors who use words to challenge, inspire and provoke thought in a world overflowing with information, literature remains a crucial means of exploring the complexities of the human experience, making the Nobel Prize in literature ever-relevant. Lastly, the Nobel Peace Prize serves as a beacon of hope in turbulent times it honours individuals and organizations striving for peace and justice, emphasizing the importance of diplomacy and cooperation on a global scale. In an era marked by conflicts and crises, the Nobel Peace Prize continues to promote the idea that peace is attainable through dialogue and understanding.

3. What does the Nobel Prize in literature celebrate?
 - (a) Technological advancements
 - (b) Artistic achievements
 - (c) Artistic contributions
 - (d) Peace efforts
4. What is the primary role of the Nobel Prize in science and technology?
 - (a) To discourage innovation
 - (b) To create rivalries among scientists
 - (c) To limit progress in the scientific community
 - (d) To acknowledge and reward ground breaking contributions
5. Why is the Nobel Peace Prize relevant in today's World?
 - (a) It emphasizes the importance of diplomacy and cooperation
 - (b) It encourages the development of advanced weaponry
 - (c) It promotes conflict and war
 - (d) It celebrates military achievements
6. Fill in the blank with the appropriate homophones.
He had to _____ suddenly when he realized he was about to _____ the fragile vase in the backseat of his car.
 - (a) brake, break
 - (b) brake, brake
 - (c) break, brake
 - (d) break, break
7. What is the meaning of the French term "seriatim"?
 - (a) In a confusing and disorganized way
 - (b) In a hasty and random manner

- (c) In any required order
 - (d) In a sequential and ordered manner
8. Fill in the blanks with the correctly spelt option.
She has a talent for playing musical instruments like the piano and the _____.
- (a) violion
 - (b) violin
 - (c) voilin
 - (d) voilion
9. What does the abbreviation i.e. stand for?
- (a) what is
 - (b) where is
 - (c) this is
 - (d) that is
10. Re-arrange the following jumbled sentences to form a meaningful paragraph:
- A. Whether watching a professional game or playing a casual match in the backyard baseball continues to captivate fans of all ages.
 - B. Baseball often called America's pass time is a beloved sport known for its rich history and trading
 - C. It's a sport that demands teamwork, strategy and skill
 - D. The game is played with a bat and ball on a diamond-shaped field, where two teams take turns batting and fielding
 - E. The crack of the bat hitting a home run and the cheers of the crowd contribute to the unique and timeless appeal of baseball.
- (a) AECBD
 - (b) DABEC
 - (c) BDCEA
 - (d) CBDEA
11. Recalling information that the speaker has already discussed will help in all of the following ways EXCEPT:
- (a) Enhancing comprehension and retention of key points
 - (b) Encouraging critical thinking and analysis of the topic
 - (c) Promoting active engagement and participation in the discussion
 - (d) Minimizing the need for note taking during the presentation

12. Identify the synonym of the Bold word:
The hiker felt a sense of euphoria upon reaching the mounting's summit
- (a) exhilaration
 - (b) abjection
 - (c) dejection
 - (d) isolation
13. Which of the following sentence is the passive form of the given sentence?
The chef is preparing the special dinner for the guests
- (a) The guests special dinner is being prepared by the chef
 - (b) The special dinner preparation for the guests by the chef is being done
 - (c) The special dinner for the guests by the chef was prepared
 - (d) The special dinner for the guests is being prepared by the chef
14. Identify the part of the sentence that has an error:
The cat laid on the windowsill enjoying the warmth the sun
- (a) The cat laid
 - (b) of the sun
 - (c) enjoying the warmth
 - (d) on the windowsill
15. Identify the meaning of the proverb
"Every cloud has a silver lining"
- (a) Clouds can be made of silver
 - (b) Silver linings are found in every cloud
 - (c) There is something positive in every negative situation
 - (d) Rain is always followed by sunshine
16. Rearrange the following jumbled words to form a meaningful sentence
Graceful/the/dancers/to/music/elegant/moved/classical
- (a) Elegant classical music graceful to moved dancers the
 - (b) Elegant to dancers the classical graceful music moved
 - (c) Moved music elegant to the graceful classical dancers
 - (d) The graceful classical dancers moved to elegant music
17. Identify the meaning of the idiom/phrase "barking up the wrong tree".
- (a) Barking loudly to express Frustration
 - (b) Barking at a tree to scare away birds

- (c) Try to teach a dog new tricks
 - (d) Pursuing a mistaken or misguided course of action
18. Identify the appropriate meaning of the word 'counter' in the given sentence. He placed the snacks on the counter.
- (a) react
 - (b) flat surface
 - (c) oppose something
 - (d) a device
19. In the following questions, a group of sentences about a single topic are given. One or more of the sentence(s) is/are grammatically incorrect. You have to identify the incorrect sentence(s).
- (i) The rise of smartphones and social media has contributed to a decline in face-to-face social interactions are more people are engrossed in their screens.
 - (ii) Before the digital age, people used to engage in conversations with neighbors and friends regularly, but now, many prefer virtual communication over real life interactions.
 - (iii) The decline in social interaction can have negative consequences including increased feelings of loneliness and social isolation among individuals.
 - (iv) In recent years, the COVID-19 pandemic further accelerated the declining of in person social interaction.
- (a) i,iv
 - (b) i,iii,iv
 - (c) only iv
 - (d) only ii

Read the passage and answer the questions given below 20 to 23:

Our planet's oceans are a vast and intricate ecosystem that supports countless species of marine life and plays a vital role in maintaining the Earth's ecological balance. However, the world's oceans are facing numerous threats, including overfishing, pollution, and habitat destruction. To ensure the health and longevity of our marine resources, it is imperative that we prioritize and actively engage in conservation efforts.

One of the most significant challenges we face is overfishing. Many marine species are harvested at unsustainable rates, threatening their populations and disrupting the delicate balance of ocean ecosystems. To address this issue, governments and organizations around the world are implementing regulations and sustainable fishing practices that aim to protect vulnerable species and maintain healthy fish populations.

Pollution, particularly plastic pollution, is another pressing concern for marine conservation. Plastic waste that ends up in the ocean poses a severe threat to marine life, as animals often ingest or become entangled in plastic debris. Raising awareness about the impact of single-use plastics and advocating for reduced plastic consumption is essential in mitigating this threat.

Habitat destruction, caused by activities like coastal development and bottom trawling, also takes a toll on marine ecosystems. Conservation efforts should focus on preserving and restoring critical habitats such as coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrass beds, nurseries and shelters for various marine species.

20. What is one of the most significant challenge facing marine conservation efforts?
 - (a) Coral bleaching
 - (b) Overfishing
 - (c) Climate change
 - (d) Ocean acidification
21. What is a crucial focus of marine habitat conservation?
 - (a) Increasing coastal development
 - (b) Preserving and restoring critical habitats
 - (c) Promoting bottom trawling
 - (d) Expanding offshore drilling
22. How does plastic pollution impact marine life?
 - (a) It has no effect on marine life
 - (b) It provides a source of food for marine animals
 - (c) It helps marine organisms build stronger shells
 - (d) Animals often ingest or become entangled in plastic debris.
23. What is the one-word substitution for the term “a person who is self-taught and has acquired knowledge through personal study and experience”?

- (a) Pedagogue
 - (b) Philanthropist
 - (c) Autodidact
 - (d) Bibliophile
24. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate homophones
I couldn't decide whether to stay _____ and participate in _____ meeting.
- (a) there, their
 - (b) there, there
 - (c) their, their
 - (d) their, there
25. What is the meaning of the French term "bete noire"?
- (a) A traditional French song
 - (b) A special aversion
 - (c) A type of exotic cuisine
 - (d) A type of French wine
26. Fill in the blanks with the correctly spelt option
The ruins of the ancient city were preserved through meticulous archaeological _____.
- (a) exccavation
 - (b) excavaation
 - (c) excavation
 - (d) excavationn
27. What does the abbreviation "circa" stand for?
- (a) Approximately
 - (b) Century
 - (c) Current
 - (d) Copyrighted
28. Re-arrange the following jumbled sentences to form a meaningful paragraph.
- A. Birds chirped their evening melodies, bidding farewell to the day
 - B. The sun dipped below the horizon, casting a warm, orange glow across the tranquil lake
 - C. A light breeze rustled through the trees, carrying the sweet scent of blooming flowers

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- D. The gentle ripples on the water's surface mirrored the serene evening
- E. As twilight descended, the world seemed to embrace a peaceful calmness
- (a) BCDAE
(b) BACDE
(c) BEDAC
(d) BDCAE
29. Which of the following is NOT a type of business communication?
- (a) Exterior business communication
(b) Formal/informal communication
(c) Horizontal/lateral business communication
(d) Internal business communication
30. Identify the synonym of the bold word.
The Movie had a gloomy atmosphere throughout
- (a) taut
(b) ardent
(c) strained
(d) somber
31. In which of the following sentences is the adjective correctly used?
- (A) The big elephant trumpeted loudly in the safari park
(B) She wore a beautiful necklace made of gold and diamonds
(C) The book I'm reading is much interesting that the one I read last week
(D) The fast cheetah sprinted across the open savannah
(E) The restaurant served a good deal of pasta for us to enjoy
- (a) A,B,D
(b) C,D,E
(c) A,E
(d) B,C,D
32. Which of the following sentences is INCORRECT?
- (a) She don't like to eat vegetables
(b) She enjoys reading books by the fireplace
(c) They played basketball at the park yesterday
(d) The stars shone brightly in the clear night sky

33. Identify the meaning of the proverb.
“Don’t count your chickens before they hatch.”
- (a) Count your blessing every day
 - (b) Always count your belonging carefully
 - (c) Don’t rely on something that hasn’t happened yet
 - (d) Keep track of your financial investments
34. Rearrange the following jumbled words to form a meaningful sentence
Rights/equality/and/justice/for/advocate/tirelessly/activists
- (a) Right timelessly advocate for activists and justice equality
 - (b) Tirelessly for justice advocate activists and equality rights
 - (c) Equality activists advocates tirelessly for rights and justice
 - (d) Right activists justice for the tirelessly advocate equality

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1. (d) Discovery
Explanation: If you desire something as a treasure chest of a particular thing, you mean that it is very good source of that thing.
2. (d) (i), (iv)
Explanation: So, the correct answer is (d) i, iv, which means sentences (i) and (iv) are grammatically. Incorrect.
3. (d) Peace efforts
Explanation: In the above passage the first para and 3rd line i.e relevance across various fields, from science and literature to peace efforts. This esteemed recognition not only celebrates achievements Explaining why does that Nobel Prize in literature celebrated.
4. (d) To acknowledge and reward ground breaking contributions.
Explanation: In the above Passage the second para 1st line i.e. the Nobel Prize plays a pivotal role in the acknowledging and rewarding ground Breaking contribution. Explaining the primary role of the Nobel Prize in science and technology.
5. (a) It emphasizes the importance of diplomacy and cooperation.
Explanation: In the above passage the last para and line explaining that why is the Nobel Peace Prize relevant in todays world.

6. (a) Brake, Break.
Explanation: Brake refers to a machine that stops motion, such as the brakes on a car. It also serves as the verb, the action of using a break. "Break" refers to splitting something into Pieces or to rest by "splitting" an activity into smaller parts.
7. (d) In a sequential and ordered manner
Explanation: Seriatim is a latin word meaning consecutively. The word can be used in variety of legal contexts
For instance: A panel of judges can give their opinions orally Seriatim, one after another.
8. (b) Violin
Explanation: In the above mentioned option violin is the correct answers because Both Piano and violin are string Instrument and that's the only similarity they have.
9. (d) That is
Explanation: The abbreviation "i.e". Stands for *id est*, which is Latin for "that is "
10. (c) BDCEA
Explanation: In the above mentioned Jumbled sentences option (c) is forming a meaning few sentences.
11. (d) Minimizing the need for note-taking during the presentation,
Explanation: Recalling information can enhance comprehensive, encourage critical thinking and promote active engagement. However, it may not entirely eliminate the need for note-taking especially when specific details or references need to be recorded for later use.
12. (a) Exhilaration
Explanation: Which means a feeling or state of intense excitement and happiness "in his euphoria, he had become convinced he could defeat them."
13. (a) The guest special dinner is being prepared by the chef.
Explanation: If we want to say who or what performs the action while using the passive voice, we use the preposition "By".

14. (a) The cat laid
Explanation: The correct verb should be “The cat lay” instead of “The cat laid” so the corrected sentences is.
The cat lay on the window side enjoying the warmth of the sun.
15. (c) There is something positive in every negative situation.
Explanation: Phrase. If you say that every cloud has a silver lining, you mean that every sad or unpleasant situation has a positive side to it.
16. (d) The grace classical dancer’s moved to elegant music.
Explanation: In the above mentioned option the correct answer is (a) only this option is framing meaningful sentence.
17. (d) Pursuing a mistaken or misguided course of action.
Explanation: If you say that someone is barking up the wrong tree, you mean that they are following the wrong course of action because their beliefs or ideas about something are incorrect.
18. (b) Flat surface.
Explanation: In this content a “counter” refers to a flat surface, typically found in a kitchen or a place of business, where items can be placed or transaction can take place.
19. (a) (i), (iv)
Explanation: (i) The rise of smartphones and social media has contributed to a decline in face-to-face social interaction as more people are engrossed in their screens.
(iv) In recent years, the Covid-19 pandemic further accelerated the declining of in person social interaction.
So, the correct answer is (a) (i), (iv), which means sentence (i) and (iv) are grammatically incorrect.
20. (b) Overfishing.
Explanation: In the above paragraph second and third line indicating one of the most significant challenges facing marine conservation efforts. I.e., the ocean ecosystem. To address this issue, governments and organisations.
21. (b) The crucial focus of marine habitat conservation, as mentioned in the passage, is:
Explanation: (b) Preserving and restoring critical habitats.

22. (d) Animals often ingest or become entangled in plastic debris.
Explanation: In the above option the correct option is (d).
23. (c) Autodidact
Explanation: Generally autodidacts are individuals who choose the subject they will study, their studying material, and the studying system and time. Autodidacts may or may not have formal education and their study may be either a complement or an alternative to formal education.
24. (a) There, their.
Explanation: Their, there, and are pronounced similarly but don't have the same meaning. You can recognize which one is correct from the content. There is most commonly used to mean "at that point" or in that place." Their is the possessive form of the third person plural pronoun "They" it means "Belonging to them.
25. (b) A special aversion.
Explanation: It refers to something or someone that is a constant or particularly object of dislike or aversion.
26. (c) Excavation.
Explanation: In the above mentioned option only the option (c) i.e excavation is the correct spelling of the give word.
27. (a) Approximately.
Explanation: Circa is Latin for "around or about" it is often used to show when something approximately happened. It is often shortened to c., ca. or cca.
28. (b) BACDE .
Explanation: (b) The sun dipped below the horizon, casting a warm, orange glow across the tranquil care (a) Birds chirped their evening melodies, bidding farewell to the day (c) A light breeze rustled through the trees, carrying the sweet scent of blooming flowers (d) The gentle ripples on the water's surface mirrored the serene evening (e) As twilight descended, the world seemed to embrace a peaceful calmness.

29. (a) Exterior business communication.

Explanation: The four basic types of business communication are internal (upward), Internal (downward), Internal (lateral) and external. The upward, downward and lateral communication, and external communication types refers to internal business communication.

Business communication falls into two main categories: formal communication and informal. Formal Communication Typically Bolster organization and provide meaningful structure.

30. (d) Somber.

Explanation: In the above option the word somber is the current synonyms of the word gloomy which means as in black, causing or marked by an atmosphere lacking in cheer.

31. (b) C, D, E

Explanation: (c) The book I'm reading is much interesting than the one I read last week correction: "The book I'm reading is much more interesting than one I read last week" (e) The restaurant served a good deal of pasta for us to enjoy.

The adjective "good" is correctly used to describe the deal of pasta. So, the correct option is (b) C, D, E.

32. (a) The incorrect sentence is:

(a) She don't like to eat vegetables. The correct form should be:

(b) She doesn't like to eat vegetables.

Explanation: In this case "don't" should be replaced with "dosen't" to match the subject- verb agreement.

33. (c) Don't rely on something that hasn't happened yet.

Explanation: Usually used in negative statements to mean that someone should not be deposited or something hoped for until he or she knows for certain that it will happen. Don't count your chickens (before they hatch) - you don't know yet if she will accept your offer.

34. (c) The correct rearrangement is:

(c) Equality activities advocate tirelessly for rights and justice.

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1. Arrange the following sentences into a coherent paragraph
 - (1) The ancient city is renowned for its majestic, architecture and rich cultural heritage
 - (2) Visitors can explore ancient ruins, museums and vibrant marketplaces
 - (3) As dusk falls, the city comes alive with the sounds of music and the aroma of delicious street food
 - (4) Tourists from around the world flock to experience the city's unique charm and beauty
 - (5) Each corner of the city tells a story of its illustrious past and vibrant present.
 - (a) 1, 5, 4, 2, 3
 - (b) 5, 4, 1, 2, 3
 - (c) 4, 1, 5, 3, 2
 - (d) 2, 1, 5, 4, 3
2. Choose the correct sentence:
 - (a) We would have been studying for the exam since morning
 - (b) We have been studying for the exam since morning
 - (c) We were studying for the exam since morning
 - (d) We are studying for the exam since morning
3. Which of the following words conveys the meaning of the word "Miniature"?

She carefully arranged the miniature furniture in the dollhouse

 - (a) Reduced
 - (b) Shortened
 - (c) Tiny
 - (d) Simplified
4. In which of the following sentences does 'season' mean 'to heighten or improve the flavor'?
 - (a) The chef used a variety of herbs and spices to season the soup

- (b) She enjoys watching the leaves change color during the autumn season
- (c) After years of hard work, he finally reached the pinnacle of his career season
- (d) The baseball team struggled during the off-season to improve their performance

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow (Q5,Q6,Q7)

In recent years, the travel industry has witnessed a remarkable shift in accommodation preferences, with the emergence of home stays gaining significant popularity among globetrotters. Traditionally, travelers relied on hotels, hotels or resorts for lodging during their journeys. However, the allure of home stays has sparked a new trend, offering travelers a unique and immersive experience in their destination of choice.

Home stays, as the name suggests, involve staying in a local residence rather than a commercial establishment. This could range from renting a room in someone's home to occupying an entire house or apartment for the duration of the stay. What sets home stays apart is the opportunity they provide for travelers to live like locals, experiencing the culture, customs, and lifestyle of the place they're visiting firsthand.

One of the primary reasons behind the growing popularity of home stays is the authentic and personalized experience they offer. Unlike hotels, which often follow a standard template, each home stay is unique, reflecting the personality and style of the host. From cozy cottages in the countryside to chic urban apartments, home stays come in various shapes and sizes, catering to diverse preferences and budgets.

Moreover, home stays foster a sense of community and connection between travelers and locals. Hosts often go out of their way to welcome guests into their homes, sharing meals, stories, and insider tips about the best-kept secrets of the area. This intimate interaction not only enhances the travel experience but also promotes cultural exchange and mutual understanding between people from different backgrounds.

Another factor driving the popularity of home stays is the opportunity they provide for travelers to explore off-the-beaten-path destinations. While hotels

are typically concentrated in tourist hubs, home stays can be found in residential neighborhoods, rural villages, and other lesser-known areas, allowing travelers to discover hidden gems and explore destinations beyond the tourist trail.

Furthermore, home stays are often more budget-friendly compared to traditional accommodations, making them an attractive option for budget-conscious travelers. With the rise of online platforms dedicated to home stays, such as Airbnb and Home Away, finding and booking a suitable accommodation has become easier than ever, further fueling the growth of this trend. In conclusion, home stays have emerged as a popular choice for travelers seeking unique, authentic, and affordable accommodation options. By offering a glimpse into local life and fostering meaningful connections between travelers and hosts, home stays have transformed the way people experience and perceive travel, enriching their journeys with unforgettable memories and experiences.

5. What is one of the main reasons behind the rising popularity of home stays?
 - (a) Standardized experience
 - (b) Authentic and personalized experience
 - (c) Limited availability
 - (d) Expensive rates
6. What advantage do home stays offer for exploring lesser-known destinations?
 - (a) They are only available in tourist hubs
 - (b) They are more expensive than hotels
 - (c) They can be found in residential neighborhoods and rural villages
 - (d) They provide a strange accommodation
7. How do home stays contribute to cultural exchange?
 - (a) By segregating travelers from locals
 - (b) By offering reserved accommodations
 - (c) By fostering interaction between travelers and hosts
 - (d) By limiting exposure to local customs
8. What does the proverb "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" imply?
 - (a) Patience is the key to completing long journeys

- (b) Every journey starts with a small action
 - (c) Long journey require careful planning
 - (d) Only those who travel far can succeed
9. Which of the following words is correctly spelled?
- (a) Exaggerate
 - (b) Exaggerate
 - (c) Exageratte
 - (d) Exagerrate
10. Which of the following sentences is INCORRECTS?
- (a) They're waiting for the bus to be arriving
 - (b) We have been waiting for over an hour for the concert to start
 - (c) He doesn't like to wake up early in the morning
 - (d) The flowers in the garden are so beautiful
11. What does the phrase "Hit the sack" mean?
- (a) Go to bed
 - (b) Take a snap
 - (c) Clean the house
 - (d) Start a fight
12. Which of the following words completes the sentence appropriately?
The detective carefully examined the _____ for any clues that could help solve the mystery.
- (a) Preparation
 - (b) Evidence
 - (c) Motivation
 - (d) Suspicion
13. Which of the following is the one word substitution for "Persons living at the same time"?
- (a) Cohort
 - (b) Synchronous
 - (c) Parallel
 - (d) Contemporary
14. Fill in the blanks with the correct option:
The government _____ the rise of single-use plastics, prompting the local _____ to organization a beach cleanup campaign.
- (a) band, band

- (b) band, banned
 - (c) banned, banned
 - (d) banned, band
15. Rearrange the following jumbled words to form a meaningful sentence.
Our lives build which foundation health good upon is the we:
- (a) The foundation good health upon which we build is the we
 - (b) Upon which we build our lives good health is the foundation
 - (c) Good health is the foundation upon which we build our lives
 - (d) We build our lives upon which the foundation good health is
16. Arrange the following sentences into a coherent paragraph.
1. The sun began to set, casting a warm glow over the tranquil landscape
 2. The aroma of freshly baked filled the air, enticing passers by with its irresistible scent
 3. Children laughed and played in the nearby park, their joyful voices echoing through the evening air
 4. Families gathered around picnic tables, sharing food and stories as they enjoyed the beautiful weather
 5. Soft music played in the background, adding to the peaceful ambiance of the scene
- (a) 2, 3, 2, 5, 4
 - (b) 5, 4, 3, 1, 3
 - (c) 4, 3, 1, 5, 2
 - (d) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
17. Choose the correct sentence.
- (a) Not only she excelled in academics, but also she showcased exceptional talent in extracurricular activities
 - (b) Not only did she excel in academics, but also she was showcasing exceptional talent in extracurricular activities
 - (c) Not only did she do excelling in academics, but also showcased exceptional talent in extracurricular activities
 - (d) Not only did she excel in academics, but she also showcased exceptional talent in extracurricular activities

18. Which of the following words is the antonym of "Haggard"?
- (a) Rugged
 - (b) Emaciated
 - (c) Fresh
 - (d) Gaunt
19. In which of the following sentences does the word "nail" mean "to arrest"?
- (a) The carpenter used a hammer to drive the nail into the wooden plank
 - (b) He accidentally hit his thumb with the hammer while trying to nail the board in place
 - (c) She decided to paint her nails with a vibrant shade of red
 - (d) After weeks of investigation, the detective was finally able to nail the culprit

**Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:
(Q. 20, 21, 22)**

Lata Mangeshkar, often referred to as the "Nightingale of India," is a legendary playback singer whose voice has captivated millions of listeners around the world for decades. Born on September 28, 1929, in Indore, India, Lataji's journey to musical stardom is as inspiring as her timeless melodies.

With a career spanning over seven decades, Lata Mangeshkar has recorded songs in multiple languages, including Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, Tamil, and Telugu, among others. Her unparalleled vocal range, emotive expression, and impeccable technique have made her a household name and an icon in the Indian music industry.

Lataji's collaboration with renowned music composers like SD Burman, RD Burman, Shankar-Jaikishan, and Madan Mohan, among others, has resulted in some of the most memorable songs in Indian cinema. From soul-stirring melodies to peppy dance numbers, her versatility as a singer has earned her numerous accolades, including the prestigious Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award.

Beyond her contributions to film music, Lata Mangeshkar's philanthropic endeavors have also left a lasting impact.

She has lent her voice to patriotic songs, devotional hymns, and social awareness campaigns, using her influence to promote unity,

compassion, and social change. Even in her nineties, Lataji continued to inspire generations of musicians and music lovers with her timeless classics and unwavering dedication to her craft. Her melodious voice remains a source of joy. Comfort and inspiration for millions of fans worldwide, ensuring that her legacy will endure for generations to come.

20. What is Lata Mangeshkar often referred to as?
 - (a) The Nightingale of India
 - (b) The Queen of Bollywood
 - (c) The Diva of Melodies
 - (d) The Empress of Indian Music
21. What is the highest civilian award that Lata Mangeshkar has received?
 - (a) Grammy Award
 - (b) Padma Bhushan
 - (c) Bharat Ratna
 - (d) Filmfare Award
22. In which languages has Lata Mangeshkar recorded songs?
 - (a) Hindi and English
 - (b) Hindi and Punjabi
 - (c) Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, Tamil and Telugu
 - (d) Hindi and Urdu
23. What does the proverb “Don’t bite the hand that feeds you” advise you not to do?
 - (a) Refuse help from others
 - (b) Criticize those who support you
 - (c) Be cautious around strangers
 - (d) Accept assistance without regret
24. Which of the following best describes the term “alma mater”?
 - (a) A famous poet from ancient Rome
 - (b) The title of a popular song
 - (c) The school, college, or university that one has attended
 - (d) A type of religious ceremony
25. Which of the following words is correctly spelled?
 - (a) Refrigerator
 - (b) Refridgerator

- (c) Refridgerator
 - (d) Refrigerator
26. In a personal context, what does the abbreviation “DOB” typically to?
- (a) Date of Baptism
 - (b) Date of Birth
 - (c) Day of Blessing
 - (d) Duration of Birthday
27. Which of the following sentences is grammatically CORRECT?
- (a) They’re going to the concert tomorrow
 - (b) We will be planning to visit the museum yesterday
 - (c) The cat laying on the couch
 - (d) She have been working hard all week
28. What does the expression ‘Gets the best of both worlds’ mean?
By staying in the countryside during the weekends and working in the city during the weekdays, she gets the best of both worlds.
- (a) She struggles to adapt to the different settings
 - (b) She prefers one environment over the other
 - (c) She faces challenges in balancing her rural and urban lifestyles
 - (d) She enjoys the benefits of living in both the countryside and the city
29. Which of the following words completes the sentence appropriately?
The _____ of the novel left readers eagerly anticipating the sequel.
- (a) Resolution
 - (b) Plot twist
 - (c) Climax
 - (d) Prologue
30. Which of the following is the one-word substitution for ‘Someone who is unable to pay his debts’?
- (a) Introvert
 - (b) Indebted
 - (c) Penurious
 - (d) insolvent
31. Fill in the blank with the correct option.
She decided to _____ her dress before walking down the aisle to the _____.
- (a) altar, alter
 - (b) alter, altar

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- (c) alter, alter
(d) altar, altar
32. Rearrange the following jumbled words to form a meaningful sentence.
eagerly awaits its owner's return, the loyal dog with its wagging tail and eager eyes
- (a) The loyal dog with its owner's return its wagging tail and eager eyes eagerly awaits
(b) The loyal dog, with its wagging tail and eager eyes, eagerly awaits its owner's return
(c) With its owner's return the loyal dog eagerly awaits its wagging tail and eager eyes
(d) Its owner's return its wagging tail the loyal dog with eager eyes and eagerly awaits

SOLUTIONS OF MAY 2024

1. (c) The best order for a coherent paragraph is (c): 4, 1, 5, 3, 2
Sentence 4 introduces the main idea: tourists are drawn to the city.
Sentence 1 elaborates on the reason for the attraction: the city's majestic architecture and rich history (cultural heritage).
Sentence 5 reinforces the historical significance with the idea that every corner tells a story.
Sentence 3 describes the lively atmosphere that visitors can experience.
Sentence 2 provides specific details about the activities visitors can do: explore ruins, museums and bustling markets.
2. (b) The correct sentence is:
(b) We have been studying for the exam since morning.
• (a) **We would have been studying for the exam since morning:** This uses the conditional perfect tense, which implies a hypothetical scenario in the past. It suggests that if something had happened, you would have started studying earlier.

- (b) **We have been studying for the exam since morning:** This uses the present perfect continuous tense, which indicates an action that began in the past and continues up to the present moment. This is the most likely scenario if you're talking about studying for an exam on the same day.
- (c) **We were studying for the exam since morning:** This uses the past continuous tense, which simply describes an ongoing action in the past. It doesn't necessarily imply that the studying is still ongoing.
- (d) **We are studying for the exam since morning:** This uses the present continuous tense, which describes an action happening right now. "Since morning" doesn't quite fit with the present continuous tense as it indicates a longer duration.

Therefore, sentence (b) best reflects the situation of studying for an exam that started earlier in the day and might still be ongoing.

3. (c) The best word that conveys the meaning of "miniature" in the sentence is:
- (c) Tiny
- **Reduced** is a general term and doesn't necessarily imply a very small size.
 - **Shortened** applies more to length than overall size.
 - **Tiny** accurately captures the idea of something very small, which is the key characteristic of miniature furniture.
 - **Simplified** suggests the furniture is less complex, which might not be the case for miniature furniture that can be quite detailed.
4. (a) The sentence where "season" means "to heighten or improve the flavor" is:
- (a) The chef used a variety of herbs and spices to season the soup.
- In this sentence, "season" refers to adding ingredients to enhance the taste of the soup.
 - (b) talks about a time of year (autumn).

- (c) uses "season" metaphorically to refer to a period in someone's career.
 - (d) refers to the period between baseball seasons when teams don't play official games.
5. (b) Based on the passage you read: The passage highlights how hosts share meals, stories, and local secrets, promoting cultural exchange and understanding. The main reason behind the rising popularity of home stays is: (b) Authentic and personalized experience. The passage specifically mentions that unlike standardized hotels, home stays offer a unique experience based on the host and location (personality and style).
6. (c) Based on the passage you read: The passage highlights how hosts share meals, stories and local secrets, promoting cultural exchange and understanding. The advantage home stays offer for exploring lesser-known destinations is:
(c) They can be found in residential neighborhoods and rural villages. The passage explains that home stays are often found outside tourist hubs, allowing travelers to discover hidden gems.
7. (c) Based on the passage you read: The passage highlights how hosts share meals, stories and local secrets, promoting cultural exchange and understanding. Home stays contribute to cultural exchange by: (c) Fostering interaction between travelers and hosts.
8. (b) The proverb "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" implies:
(b) Every journey starts with a small action. This proverb emphasizes that even the most ambitious goals or challenging tasks require taking the first step to get started. The "thousand miles" represents a long and difficult journey, while the "single step" signifies that even a small initial action is crucial to begin the process. It's a reminder that big accomplishments often start with small beginnings.

Here's why the other options are not as accurate:

- (a) **Patience is the key to completing long journeys:** While patience is important, the proverb specifically highlights the importance of taking the first step.
 - (c) **Long journeys require careful planning:** Planning can be helpful, but the proverb focuses on simply initiating the journey, not necessarily the planning process.
 - (d) **Only those who travel far can succeed:** This is not the intended message. The proverb applies to any goal, big or small and emphasizes that starting is essential.
9. (a) The correctly spelled word is:
- (a) Exaggerate
- Both (b) and (d) have extra letters and (c) is missing an "e" at the end.
10. (a) The incorrect sentence is:
- (a) They're waiting for the bus to be arriving
- Here's why:
- (b) **We have been waiting for over an hour for the concert to start:** This sentence uses the present perfect continuous tense correctly to indicate an action that started in the past and is ongoing in the present.
 - (c) **He doesn't like to wake up early in the morning:** This sentence is grammatically correct. It uses the present simple tense with the helping verb "doesn't" to express a habitual dislike.
 - (d) **The flowers in the garden are so beautiful:** This sentence is grammatically correct. It uses the present simple tense to describe a current state (the beauty of the flowers).
- The problem with sentence (a) is that it uses the infinitive "to be arriving" after the preposition "for." The correct construction would be:
- They're waiting for the bus to arrive. (present infinitive).
This is because "waiting for" implies an expectation of something happening and the present infinitive is the appropriate tense to indicate that anticipated arrival.

11. (a) Out of the options you listed, "Hit the sack" means:
(a) Go to bed
This is a slang term that refers to going to sleep or retiring for the night. It's a casual way of saying you're heading off to bed.
Here's why the other options are not the meaning of "hit the sack":
- (b) **Take a snap:** This refers to taking a photograph.
 - (c) **Clean the house:** This refers to cleaning your living space.
 - (d) **Start a fight:** This refers to initiating a physical or verbal confrontation.
12. (b) The best word to complete the sentence is:
(b) Evidence
Here's why:
- **Preparation (a):** This wouldn't be something a detective would typically examine at a crime scene to solve a mystery.
 - **Evidence (b):** This is the most logical choice. Detectives look for physical or material proof that can help them understand what happened during a crime.
 - **Motivation (c):** While understanding the motive behind a crime can be helpful, it wouldn't be the primary focus of examining the scene for clues. Clues provide factual information about the crime itself.
 - **Suspicion (d):** Suspicion is a feeling or hunch, not something a detective would physically examine at a scene. They would look for evidence to confirm or dispel their suspicions.
13. (d) Out of the options given, the best one-word substitution for "Persons living at the same time" is:
(d) Contemporary
Here's why:
- **Cohort (a):** This can refer to a group of people with a shared experience, but it's not as specific as living at the same time.
 - **Synchronous (b):** This refers to things happening at the same time, but it's not specific to people.
 - **Parallel (c):** This refers to things existing or happening at the same time but not necessarily interacting or living together.

- **Contemporary (d):** This is the most precise term. It refers to people living or existing at the same time, often implying a shared historical period or cultural context.

14. (c) The best option to fill the blanks is:

(c) banned, banned

Here's why:

- **The government:** This entity typically establishes laws and regulations.
- **Banned:** This verb makes sense in the context of government action, suggesting a prohibition on something.
- **The local community:** This refers to the people living in a particular area.
- **Banned:** Here, "banned" refers to the impact of the government's action on the community. Since the plastics are banned, the community can organize a cleanup.

The other options don't make as much sense:

(a) **band, band:** "Band" wouldn't be a suitable verb for government action or a community activity.

(b) **band, banned:** While "banned" works for the government, "band" wouldn't be a logical action for the community in response.

(d) **banned, band:** Here, "band" doesn't make sense for the community's activity.

15. (c) The most grammatically correct and meaningful sentence is:

(c) Good health is the foundation upon which we build our lives

Here's why:

- This sentence follows a clear subject-verb-object structure. ("Good health" is the subject, "is" is the verb and "the foundation upon which we build our lives" is the object.)
- It uses the prepositional phrase "upon which" correctly to introduce the foundation on which we build our lives.
- The placement of "good health" at the beginning emphasizes its importance.

The other options have grammatical issues or don't convey the intended meaning as effectively:

- (a) **The foundation good health upon which we build is the we:** This is awkward and grammatically incorrect. "The we" doesn't function as a complete subject here.
- (b) **Upon which we build our lives good health is the foundation:** This is grammatically correct but slightly less clear. Starting with "Good health" emphasizes its role as the foundation.
- (d) **We build our lives upon which the foundation good health is:** This is grammatically awkward and the placement of "good health" weakens the emphasis on its importance.

16. The correct order is **(d)**: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

This order creates a logical flow:

1. Sets the scene: The sun began to set, casting a warm glow over the tranquil landscape (1).
2. Introduces enticing details: The aroma of freshly baked filled the air, enticing passers by with its irresistible scent (2).
3. Adds vibrancy: Children laughed and played in the nearby park, their joyful voices echoing through the evening air (3).
4. Focuses on the central activity: Families gathered around picnic tables, sharing food and stories as they enjoyed the beautiful weather (4).
5. Completes the ambiance: Soft music played in the background, adding to the peaceful ambiance of the scene (5).

This order paints a vivid picture of a peaceful evening with sights, sounds, and smells.

17. The correct sentence is:

- (d)** Not only did she excel in academics, but she also showcased exceptional talent in extracurricular activities.

Explanation:

- "Not only" is used to introduce a contrast between two ideas. It is followed by a clause with "did" and another clause with the same verb tense.

- In sentence (a), "she excelled" is in the past tense, but "she showcased" is in the present tense. This is incorrect because "not only" requires parallel structure.
- Sentence (b) uses the past continuous tense "was showcasing" which is not appropriate here because we are talking about achievements.
- Sentence (c) is grammatically incorrect because "excelling" is a gerund, not a verb tense that can be used in this construction.

Therefore, the only correct sentence is (d), which uses "did" with the past tense verb "excel" and the past tense verb "showcased" to create a parallel structure.

18. Out of the choices, the antonym of "Haggard" is **(c)** Fresh.

Reason:

- **Haggard** means looking exhausted or unwell, especially from fatigue, worry, or suffering.
- **Rugged** can describe someone's tough or weathered appearance, which isn't necessarily the opposite of haggard.
- **Emaciated** is a synonym for haggard, meaning very thin and weak.
- **Gaunt** also means very thin and lacking flesh, similar to haggard.
- **Fresh** means looking healthy, clean, and full of life, which is the opposite of how someone would look if they are haggard.

19. The sentence where "nail" means "to arrest" is **(d)** After weeks of investigation, the detective was finally able to nail the culprit. In this context, "nail" is used informally to mean "to catch or apprehend someone."

- Sentence (a) uses "nail" in its literal sense, referring to fastening something with a nail.
- Sentence (b) also uses "nail" literally, referring to the act of hammering a nail.
- Sentence (c) uses "nail" in reference to painting fingernails.

20. **The Nightingale of India (a)** - This phrase is mentioned in the first paragraph itself.

21. **Bharat Ratna (c)** - The passage mentions her receiving the highest civilian award and specifies it as the Bharat Ratna.

22. **Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, Tamil and Telugu (c)** - The passage details her singing in multiple languages including these.

23. The proverb "Don't bite the hand that feeds you" advises you not to **(b) criticize those who support you.**

Reason:

- **Refusing help from others** isn't the core message. The proverb is about appreciating the help you receive.
- **Criticizing those who support you** is the main idea. Biting the hand represents harming or being ungrateful to someone who helps you.
- **Being cautious around strangers** is a good practice, but not directly related to the proverb's meaning.
- **Accepting assistance without regret** doesn't capture the concept of not being ungrateful.

24. The best description of the term "alma mater" is:

(c) The school, college, or university that one has attended.

Reason:

- **Alma mater** is a Latin phrase meaning "nourishing mother." It's metaphorically used to refer to the educational institution that has provided you with knowledge and shaped your intellectual development.
- **Famous poet from ancient Rome** doesn't directly relate to the meaning of "alma mater."
- **The little of a popular song** is likely referring to the "title" or "motto" of a song, not the meaning of "alma mater."
- **A type of religious ceremony** has no connection to the educational context of "alma mater."

25. The correctly spelled word is:

(d) Refrigerator

Both "Refregerator" and "Refridgerator" have spelling mistakes. The correct spelling includes a "g" after the first "e" and no "d" following it.

26. In a personal context, the abbreviation "DOB" typically refers to:

(b) Date of Birth

Reason:

- **Date of Baptism** is unlikely to be abbreviated as DOB. Christenings or baptisms might use "DOBap" or a similar variation for clarity.
- **Date of Birth** is the most common meaning of DOB across personal and formal contexts.
- **Day of Blessing** is not a standard term, and blessings wouldn't typically have a designated date of birth.
- **Duration of Birthday** doesn't make sense. Birthdays are typically celebrated on a single day, not for a duration.

27. The grammatically correct sentence is:

(a) They're going to the concert tomorrow.

Reason the other options are incorrect:

- (b) We will be planning to visit the museum yesterday: The future tense "will be" clashes with the past tense "yesterday." You can either say "We planned to visit the museum yesterday" (past tense) or "We will be planning to visit the museum tomorrow" (future tense).
- (c) The cat laying on the couch: The correct present participle form for "lie" (to be in a resting position) is "lying." "Laying" is the present participle form of "lay" (to put something down).
- (d) She have been working hard all week: The auxiliary verb "has" should be used with "she" in the present perfect tense. "Have" is used with plural pronouns (they, we, you all) or "you" in informal contexts.

28. He expression 'Gets the best of both worlds' means:

(d) She enjoys the benefits of living in both the countryside and the city.

Reason the other options are incorrect:

- (a) Struggles to adapt: This implies a negative experience, whereas "getting the best" suggests enjoying the positive aspects.
- (b) Prefers one environment: The phrase suggests enjoying elements of both environments, not just one.
- (c) Faces challenges: While balancing might be a reality, the focus of the expression is on the positive outcome.

The example sentence perfectly illustrates the meaning. By splitting her time, she gets the peacefulness of the countryside and the professional opportunities of the city.

29. The most appropriate word to complete the sentence is:

(c) Climax

Reason:

- **Resolution** refers to the final tying up of loose ends in a story. While it can be satisfying, it typically comes after the climax.
- **Plot twist** is a sudden change in the story's direction, which can be a part of the climax but isn't the climax itself.
- **Climax** is the moment of highest tension, suspense, or drama in the story. It's the turning point that leaves the reader eager to know what happens next, making it the best fit for the sentence.
- **Prologue** is an introductory section that sets the stage for the story, but it wouldn't leave readers anticipating a sequel.

30. The best one-word substitution for "Someone who is unable to pay his debts" is:

(d) Insolvent.

Reason the other options are not as fitting:

- **Introvert:** This describes someone who is withdrawn and prefers solitude, not someone with financial difficulties.
- **Indebted:** This simply means someone who owes money, it doesn't necessarily imply the inability to pay.
- **Penurious:** This describes someone who is frugal or stingy with money, not necessarily unable to pay their debts.

Insolvent specifically refers to someone or a business that is unable to meet their financial obligations. This makes it the most accurate one-word substitution for the given phrase.

31. The correct option is:

(d) altar, altar.

Reason:

- **Altar** is the correct noun used in the context of a wedding ceremony. It refers to the raised platform or structure where the ceremony takes place.

- **Alter** is a verb that means to change or modify something. In the sentence, the bride is making a change (**altering**) to her dress before walking down the aisle to the **altar**.

32. The rearranged sentence with proper flow is:

- (b)** The loyal dog, with its wagging tail and eager eyes, eagerly awaits its owner's return.

Reason this order is best:

- It starts with the subject, "The loyal dog".
- It uses a participle phrase "with its wagging tail and eager eyes" to provide a description of the dog.
- The main verb "eagerly awaits" follows, indicating the dog's action.
- The object of the verb is "its owner's return," which clarifies what the dog is waiting for.

This order creates a clear and concise sentence that effectively conveys the image of the loyal dog waiting for its owner.