

UNIT

10

Alphabet Test

I. ALPHABETICAL ORDER OF WORDS

Example 1. Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and tick one that comes first.

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| (a) Nature | (b) Native |
| (c) Narrative | (d) Narcotic |
| (e) Naughty | |

Sol: Arranging the words in the order which they shall be arranged in a dictionary, we have Narcotic, Nature, Native, Nature, Naughty So the first word is Narcotic and the correct answer is (d).

Example 2. Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and tick the one that comes in the middle.

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| (a) Restrict | (b) Rocket |
| (c) Robber | (d) Radom |
| (e) Restaurant | |

Sol: Arranging the words in alphabetical order, we have Random, Restaurant, Restrict, Robber, Rocket So the word in the middle is Restrict and the correct answer is (a).

Example 3. Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and tick the one that comes at the second place.

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| (a) Music | (b) Mint |
| (c) Mink | (d) Murder |
| (e) Multiple | |

Sol: The correct order in alphabetical manner is: Mink, Mint, Multiple, Murder, Music

So the word in the second place is Mint and the answer is (b).

Example 4. Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and tick the one that comes last.

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| (a) Abandon | (b) Actuate |
| (c) Accumulate | (d) Acquit |
| (e) Achieve | |

Sol: The given words are arranged in alphabetical order as

Abandon, Accumulate, Achieve, Acquit, Actuate So the letter in the last place is Actuate. The answer is (b).

II. MEANINGFUL WORD FORMATION

Example 5. Select the combination of numbers so that letters arranged accordingly will form a meaningful word.

R A C E T

1 2 3 4 5

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| (a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 | (b) 3, 2, 1, 4, 5 |
| (c) 5, 2, 3, 4, 1 | (d) 5, 1, 2, 3, 4 |

Sol: Clearly, the given letters, when arranged in the order 5, 1, 2, 3, 4 from the word 'TRACE'. Hence the answer is (d).

Example 6. If a meaningful word can be formed by re-arranging the letters USCALA, the last letter of the word so formed is the answer. Which one is that?

- (a) C (b) S
(c) A (d) L
(e) U

Sol: Clearly, the word formed is CASUAL and the last letter is L. The answer is (d).

Example 7. If it is possible to make a meaningful word formed with the 2nd, 8th and 9th letters of the word CLANDESTINE by changing the order of the letters, the last letter of the word is:

- (a) L (b) E
(c) T (d) I
(e) No word can be formed

Sol: The letters are L, T, I. The word so formed is LIT and the last letter is T. The answer is (c).

Example 8. Rearrange the first four letters, in any way, of the word DECISION. Find how many words can be formed by using all the four words.

- (a) One
(b) Two
(c) Three
(d) More than three
(e) No meaningful word is formed

Sol: The first four letters are D, E, C, I and only one word DICE can be formed so the answer is (a).

Example 9. Which letter occurs most often in the word?

APPROPRIATE

- (a) A (b) E
(c) R (d) P

Sol: The letter P occurs three times. So the answer is (d).

Example 10. How many independent words can be formed without changing the order of the letters and using each letter only once?

CAPABILITY

- (a) One (b) Two
(c) Three (d) Four
(e) None

Sol: Only two words can be formed namely CAP and LIT. Hence, the answer is (b).

are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Below are given four alternatives containing combinations of these numbers. Select that combination of numbers so that letters arranged accordingly form a meaningful word.

1. I N L A S G
1 2 3 4 5 6
(a) 6, 1, 3, 5, 4, 2 (b) 5, 1, 6, 2, 4, 3
(c) 3, 4, 6, 1, 2, 5 (d) 2, 4, 3, 6, 1, 5
2. T L P N A E
1 2 3 4 5 6
(a) 3, 2, 5, 4, 6, 1 (b) 3, 2, 5, 4, 1, 6
(c) 4, 5, 3, 6, 2, 1 (d) 4, 6, 1, 3, 5, 2
3. I P E L O C
1 2 3 4 5 6
(a) 1, 4, 3, 5, 2, 6 (b) 2, 5, 4, 1, 6, 3
(c) 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 6 (d) 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 6
4. R M N B U E
1 2 3 4 5 6
(a) 2, 6, 3, 4, 1, 5 (b) 4, 6, 3, 2, 1, 5
(c) 3, 5, 2, 4, 6, 1 (d) 1, 5, 4, 2, 6, 3
5. T N D R A E
1 2 3 4 5 6
(a) 1, 6, 2, 3, 5, 4 (b) 3, 6, 2, 4, 5, 1
(c) 5, 4, 3, 6, 2, 1 (d) 4, 5, 3, 6, 2, 1
6. E H R A S P
1 2 3 4 5 6
(a) 5, 2, 4, 6, 1, 3 (b) 6, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1
(c) 2, 4, 6, 1, 3, 5 (d) 3, 4, 2, 1, 6, 5
7. T E L S C A
1 2 3 4 5 6
(a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5 (b) 4, 6, 5, 1, 2, 3
(c) 5, 6, 4, 1, 3, 2 (d) 6, 5, 3, 2, 4, 1
8. E O C D L I
1 2 3 4 5 6
(a) 3, 2, 5, 4, 6, 1 (b) 4, 2, 3, 5, 6, 1
(c) 3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 1 (d) 4, 2, 3, 6, 5, 1
9. A M D E N R
1 2 3 4 5 6
(a) 2, 1, 3, 5, 4, 6 (b) 6, 4, 2, 1, 5, 3
(c) 3, 4, 5, 2, 1, 6 (d) 1, 6, 2, 4, 5, 3
10. R T E O D P
1 2 3 4 5 6
(a) 1, 3, 5, 6, 4, 2 (b) 2, 3, 1, 6, 4, 5
(c) 5, 3, 6, 4, 1, 2 (d) 6, 3, 5, 1, 4, 2

EXERCISE

Directions (Questions 1 to 10): In each of the following questions, a group of letters is given which

11. The letters of the word NUMKIPP are in disorder. If they are arranged in proper order, the name of a vegetable is formed. What is the last letter of the word so formed?
(a) K (b) M
(c) N (d) P
12. If by arranging the letters of the word NABMODINT, the name of a game is formed, what are the first and the last letters of the word so formed?
(a) B, T (b) B, N
(c) N, D (d) M, T
13. If it is possible to form a word with the first, fourth, seventh and eleventh letters of the word 'SUPERFLOUS', write the first letter of that word. Otherwise, X is the answer.
(a) S (b) L
(c) O (d) X
14. If with the third, fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth letters of the word 'PERSONALITY', a meaningful word is formed, then first letter of the word is the answer. If no word is possible then X is the answer.
(a) O (b) T
(c) R (d) S
15. A meaningful word starting with A is made from the first, the second, the fourth, the fifth and the sixth letters of the word 'CONTRACT'. Which of the following is the middle letter of the word?
(a) C (b) O
(c) R (d) T
18. Which letter is exactly midway between H and S in the given alphabet?
(a) No such letter (b) L
(c) M (d) O
19. If the english alphabet are divided into two equal halves—from A to M and N to Z, which letter in the later half would be corresponding to letter J?
(a) Q (b) V
(c) X (d) W
20. Which letter is midway between 22nd letter from the left and 21st letter from the right?
(a) L (b) M
(c) O (d) N
21. Which letter should be ninth letter to the left of ninth letter from the right, if the first half of the given alphabet is reversed?
(a) D (b) E
(c) F (d) I
22. If the alphabet is written in the reverse order and every alternate letter starting with Y is dropped, which letter will be exactly in the middle of the remaining letters of the alphabet?
(a) M (b) N
(c) O (d) M or O
23. If the first and the second letters interchange their positions and similarly the third and the fourth letters, the fifth and the sixth letters and so on, which letter will be the seventeenth from your right?
(a) F (b) H
(c) I (d) J
24. If every even letter beginning from B is replaced by odd number starting with 3, which letter/number will be the third to the right of the tenth number/letter counting from your right.
(a) M (b) S
(c) 11 (d) 21
25. How many As are there in the following series which are immediately followed by B as well as immediately preceded by Z?
A M B Z A N A A B Z A B
A Z B A P Z A B A Z A B
(a) Nil (b) One
(c) Two (d) Three

Directions (Questions 16 to 24): Each of the following questions is based on the following alphabet series.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

16. Which letter is eighth to the left of sixteenth letter from the right end?
(a) B (b) S
(c) C (d) H
17. If the alphabet series is written in the reverse order, which letter will be fifth to the left of the fourteenth letter from the left?
(a) R (b) I
(c) S (d) V

Directions (Questions 26 to 30): Arrange the given words in the sequence in which they occur in the dictionary and then choose the correct sequence.

26. 1. Page 2. Pagan 3. Palisade
 4. Pageant 5. Palate
 (a) 1, 4, 2, 3, 5 (b) 2, 4, 1, 3, 5
 (c) 2, 1, 4, 5, 3 (d) 1, 4, 2, 5, 3
27. 1. Select 2. Seldom 3. Send
 4. Selfish 5. Seller
 (a) 1, 2, 4, 5, 3 (b) 2, 1, 5, 4, 3
 (c) 2, 1, 4, 5, 3 (d) 2, 5, 4, 1, 3
28. 1. Wrinkle 2. Wriggle 3. Writhe
 4. Wretch 5. Wrath
 (a) 4, 5, 1, 2, 3 (b) 5, 4, 2, 1, 3
 (c) 4, 2, 5, 1, 3 (d) 5, 2, 1, 3, 4
29. 1. Credential 2. Creed 3. Crease
 4. Cremate 5. Credible
 (a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (b) 1, 5, 3, 4, 2
 (c) 5, 1, 2, 3, 4 (d) 3, 1, 5, 2, 4
30. 1. Brook 2. Bandit 3. Boisterous
 4. Baffle 5. Bright
 (a) 4, 2, 3, 5, 1 (b) 2, 4, 3, 1, 5
 (c) 2, 4, 3, 5, 1 (d) 4, 2, 3, 1, 5

Directions (Questions 31 to 42): Find which one word cannot be made from the letters of the given word.

31. UNCONSCIOUS
 (a) SON (b) COIN
 (c) SUN (d) NOSE
32. TANQUILITY
 (a) QUILT (b) TRINITY
 (c) TRAIN (d) TRIANGLE
33. INTERNATIONAL
 (a) ORIENTAL (b) TERMINAL
 (c) LATTER (d) RATIONALE
34. VERIEGATED
 (a) TRAVEL (b) TRADE
 (c) GREAT (d) RIGVEDA
35. CREDENTIAL
 (a) DENTAL (b) CREATE
 (c) TRAIN (d) CREAM
36. CARPENTER
 (a) NECTAR (b) CARPET
 (c) PAINTER (d) REPENT

37. TEACHERS
 (a) REACH (b) CHAIR
 (c) CHEER (d) SEARCH
38. CONSOLIDATE
 (a) LENTIL (b) SLAIN
 (c) CONDOLE (d) DETAIL
39. CONTEMPORARY
 (a) PARROT (b) COMPANY
 (c) CARPENTER (d) PRAYER
40. SUPERIMPOSABLE
 (a) SPIRE (b) REPTILE
 (c) POSSIBLE (d) REPOSURE
41. CHOREOGRAPHY
 (a) OGRE (b) PHOTOGRAPHY
 (c) GRAPH (d) GEOGRAPHY
42. REFRIGERATE
 (a) REFER (b) REGRET
 (c) REGENERATE (d) FREE

Directions (Questions 43 to 45): Choose one word which can be formed from the letters of the word given.

43. VENTURESOME
 (a) ROSTRUM (b) SERMON
 (c) TRAVERSER (d) SEVENTEEN
44. CHOCOLATE
 (a) TELL (b) HEALTH
 (c) LATE (d) COOLER
45. MEASUREMENT
 (a) MASTER (b) MANTLE
 (c) SUMMIT (d) ASSURE
46. How many independent words can 'HEARTLESS' be divided into without changing the order of the letters and using each letter only once?
 (a) Two (b) Three
 (c) Four (d) Five
47. From the word 'ASTOUNDER', how many independent words can be made without changing the order of the letters and using each letter only once?
 (a) Nil (b) One
 (c) Two (d) Three
48. From the word 'LAPROSCOPY', how many independent words can be made without changing the order of the letters and using each letter only once?

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

- (a) One (b) Two
(c) Three (d) Four
49. How many independent meaningful words can 'STAINLESS' be divided into without changing the order of the letters and using each letter only once?
(a) Nil (b) One
(c) Two (d) Three
50. Which letter in the word 'SELFRIGHTEOUSNESS' does not change its position when the letters are reversed?
(a) E (b) G
(c) H (d) T
51. How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'BUCKET' which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet?
(a) One (b) Two
(c) Three (d) Four
52. How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'LANGUISH' which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet?
(a) Nil (b) One
(c) Two (d) Three
53. How many pairs of letters in the word 'BRIGHTER' have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet?
(a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 3 (d) 4
54. If the positions of the first and sixth letters of the word 'BENEFICIAL' are interchanged, similarly the positions of the second and seventh letters are interchanged and so on, which letter will be third from right end after rearrangement?
(a) C (b) E
(c) F (d) N
55. If the last four letters of the word 'CONCENTRATION' are written in reverse order followed by next two in the reverse order and next three in the reverse order and then followed by the first four in the reverse order, counting from the end which letter would be eighth in the new arrangement?
(a) N (b) T
(c) E (d) R
1. (b) SIGNAL 2. (a) PLANET
3. (b) POLICE 4. (c) NUMBER
5. (c) ARDENT 6. (b) PHRASE
7. (c) CASTLE 8. (d) DOCILE
9. (b) REMAND 10. (c) DEPORT
11. (c) The name of the vegetable is PUMPKIN. The last letter is N.
12. (b) The name of the game is BADMINTON.
13. (b) The letters selected are S, E, L and S respectively. The word formed is LESS. The first letter is L.
14. (c) The respective letters of the given word are R, S, O, A and T. The word formed is ROAST. So the first letter is R.
15. (d) The respective letters of the word 'CONTRACT' are C, O, T, R, A. The word formed is ACTOR, in which the middle letter is T.
16. (c) Counting from the right end i.e. from Z, the 16th letter is K. Counting from K towards the left, the 18th letter is C.
17. (a) Since the letters of the alphabet are reversed, take the left and right as right and left. Thus fourteenth letter from the right of the alphabet is M and the fifth letter from M to the right is R.
18. (a) There are ten letters between H and S and as such there is no letter which lies in the middle.
19. (d) J is the tenth letter in the first half. The tenth letter in the later half is W.
20. (d) 22nd letter from the left is V and 21st letter from the right is F. The letter midway F and V is N.
21. (b) The new alphabet series is
M L K J I H G F E D C B A
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
The 9th letter from right is R and the ninth letter to the left of R is E.
22. (b) Cancelling every second letter after reversing the alphabet the series becomes.
Z X V T R P N L J H F D B
The middle letter is N.

23. (c) The new alphabet series is
 B A D C F E H G J I L K N
 M P O R Q T S V U X W Z Y
 The seventeenth letter from the right is I.
24. (d) The new series is
 A 3 C 5 E 7 G 9 I 11 K 13 M
 15 O 17 Q 19 S 21 U 23 W 25 Y 27
 Counting from the right, the tenth character
 is Q, and the third character to the right of
 Q is 21.
25. (d) A M B Z A N A A B Z A B
 A Z B A P Z A B A Z A B
26. (c) 27. (c) 28. (b)
 29. (d) 30. (a) 31. (d)
 32. (d) 33. (b) 34. (a)
 35. (d) 36. (c) 37. (b)
38. (a) 39. (c) 40. (b)
 41. (b) 42. (c) 43. (b)
 44. (c) 45. (a)
46. (b) The words are HE, ART, LESS
 47. (d) The words are AS, TO, UNDER
 48. (b) The words are LAP, COPY
 49. (c) The words are STAIN and LESS
 50. (d) The middle letter is T
 51. (a) CE
 52. (c) LN, US, GI
 53. (c) IE, GH, TR
 54. (d) The new letter sequence is ICIALBENEF
 The third letter from the right is N
 55. (d) The new letter sequence is
 NOITARTNECNOC
 The eighth letter from the end is R.