

PRACTICE SET-1

Directions (1-3): In the following questions, some of the sentences have error and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is your answer. If there is No error, the answer is (d).

1. He reassured to his boss (a)/that he had no plans (b)/to leave the company(c)/No error (d).
2. The company reports (a)/that the demand for thier computers (b)/are growing everyday. (c)/ No error (d)
3. When I saw the dress (a)/I knew it was exactly (b)/what I had looked for. (c)/ No error (d).

Directions (4-5): In the following questions, a part of sentence is printed in underline. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b), (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

- 4. We met a lot of people at our holiday.**
- a. on b. in
c. during d. No improvement
- 5. You must remind me to post the letters.**
- a. remember me b. have remind me
c. have remembered me d. No improvement.

Directions (6-7): Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the verb from the given options:

- 6.** I _____ to Agra before, so I don't wish to go there again.
a. had been b. went
c. had gone d. have been
- 7.** Mohan _____ rather tired today.
a. seems b. is seeming
c. is seem d. do seems

Directions (8-10): In the following questions, groups of four words are given. In each group, one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- 8.** **a.** dominant
 c. domenent
- 9.** **a.** obsarve
 c. observer
- 10.** **a.** aknowledge
 c. acknoledge
- b.** domenant
d. dominant
- b.** obsarving
d. observent
- b.** acknowledge
d. acknolege

Directions (11-12): In the following questions, out of four alternatives choose one which can be substituted for the given word/sentence.

- 11. One who makes an official examination of accounts:**
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| a. auditor | b. accountant |
| c. clerk | d. official |

- 12. One who looks at the bright side of things:**
- a. pessimist b. optimist
c. introvert d. extrovert

Directions (13-15): In the following questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase printed in underline in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

13. Once his crime was discovered, he had no option but to come clean.
 - a. to deny the crime
 - b. to confess to the crime
 - c. to accuse someone else of the crime.
 - d. to apologize for the crime.
14. The employees were kept in the dark about the latest developments.
 - a. were informed after office hours
 - b. were informed when it was too late
 - c. were given secret information
 - d. were not informed at all.
15. When things go wrong, everyone starts passing the buck.
 - a. analyses the problem
 - b. prepares to resign
 - c. pays a bribe
 - d. blames someone else

Directions (16-18): In the following questions, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

- 16. VAGUE**
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| a. Accurate | b. Sharp |
| c. Precise | d. actual |
- 17. HARMONY**
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| a. disagreement | b. melody |
| c. confusion | d. discard |
- 18. PURPOSELY**
- | | |
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| a. half-heartedly | b. timidly |
| c. unintentionally | d. hesitatingly |

Directions (19-20): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

- 19. PAUCITY**
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| a. sincerity | b. shortfall |
| c. publicity | d. downfall |
- 20. AVERT**
- | | |
|-----------|----------|
| a. hide | b. obey |
| c. excuse | d. avoid |

Directions (21-25): Read the given passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the four given alternatives.

Passage

Many people feel they come alive when out of doors, perhaps in the countryside. They are aware of the purity of the world around them, and those wonderful, awesome sounds of nature. Some folk come alive when they try to convey on a canvas, however imperfectly, the beauty of a seascape or landscape. For others again, life becomes exciting and intense when they express their thoughts on paper, in story or in prose form.

21. **Many people come alive:**
 - a. in a pure world
 - b. When they are healthy
 - c. in the midst of nature
 - d. when breathing fresh air
22. **The passage focuses on:**
 - a. the importance of being alive
 - b. self expression and nature
 - c. environmental awareness
 - d. the importance of literature
23. **The word 'awesome' means:**
 - a. astounding
 - b. cacophonous
 - c. fearful
 - d. amazing
24. **The countryside offers:**
 - a. enjoyment of scenic beauty
 - b. life out of doors
 - c. a virtuous world
 - d. harsh sounds
25. **For many, life becomes exciting when they:**
 - a. travel to the countryside
 - b. enjoy landscapes and seascapes
 - c. opt for creative expressions
 - d. search for perfection
26. **Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.**
At night, lock the outer gate.
 - a. The outer gate is requested to be locked at night
 - b. The outer gate is locked at night
 - c. The outer gate be locked at night
 - d. Let the outer gate be locked at night
27. **In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.**
Every employee of the company were given a two bedroom flat as Diwali bonus.
 - a. a two bedroom flat
 - b. as Diwali bonus
 - c. Every employee
 - d. were given

28. **Select the synonym of the given word.**
Indelible
 - a. Illegible
 - b. Inerasable
 - c. Ineffective
 - d. Illegal
29. **Select the wrongly spelt word.**
 - a. Controversial
 - b. Conquer
 - c. Contemporary
 - d. Cooperation

Directions (30–34): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

PASSAGE

Pigeon racing has become increasingly popular in parts of China ...(30)... the country's elite and its middle class. Sun Yan, the deputy general-secretary of Beijing Racing Pigeons Association, ...(31)... that at least 1,00,000 pigeon breeders live in Beijing, and ...(32)... 90,000 of them are registered with Racing Pigeons Associations at ...(33)... levels, to qualify for the games held in the spring and autumn. Competitions can be lucrative for ...(34)... owners, with some prizes amounting to tens of thousands of dollars. Liu said in recent years, pigeon racing has been surging in popularity across China.

30.
 - a. along
 - b. about
 - c. among
 - d. against
31.
 - a. clarified
 - b. told
 - c. advised
 - d. said
32.
 - a. almost
 - b. nearby
 - c. utmost
 - d. exact
33.
 - a. differ
 - b. differed
 - c. differential
 - d. different
34.
 - a. birds
 - b. pigeons
 - c. animal
 - d. bird
35. **Select the most appropriate option of substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No improvement'.**
I try to solve this problem at least for two hours.
 - a. have been trying to solve
 - b. tried to be solving
 - c. No improvement
 - d. am try to solve
36. **Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.**
The burning of the effigy of Ravana on Dussehra the burning of all evils.
 - a. epitomizes
 - b. symbolizes
 - c. intensifies
 - d. personifies
37. **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**
Give someone the cold shoulder
 - a. Pamper someone
 - b. Do something pointless
 - c. Ignore someone
 - d. Give away a secret

38. Select the wrongly spelt word.
 a. Expire b. Explain
 c. Experience d. Except
39. Select the antonym of the given word.
Eminent
 a. Exalted b. Impressive
 c. Inconspicuous d. Distinguished
40. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
 There is hope that better forestry management will help in the of the wild life that is constantly facing threat because of increasing human activities.
 a. guarding b. salvating
 c. supervision d. conservation
41. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that given their correct order.
 1. Mango, the so-called “king of fruits”, is something of a national obsession of India.
 2. There was a bumper crop of mangoes in different states.
 3. It resulted in prices coming down and sales going up much to the delight of buyers and sellers alike.
 4. 2017 proved to be a very good year for mango lovers.
 a. CADB b. CDAB
 c. ADCB d. ADBC
42. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
An enclosure of keep the birds in
 a. Stable b. Apiary
 c. Sanctuary d. Aviary
43. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.
Cyclone idai is regarded as one of the worst tropical cyclone on record to affect Africa and the Southern Hemisphere as a whole.
 a. Cyclone Idai is regarded
 b. The worst tropical cyclone
 c. To affect Africa
 d. As a whole
44. Select the antonym of the given word.
Agony
 a. Anxiety b. Distress
 c. Comfort d. Misery
45. Select the synonym of the given word.
Triumph
 a. Victory b. Fight
 c. Attack d. Peace
46. Select the correct active form of the given sentence.
Their children were brought up with great care.
 a. They have been bringing up their children with great care
 b. They had brought up their children with great care
 c. They brought up their children with great care
 d. Their children brought them up with great care
47. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
An inscription on a tombstone written in memory of the deceased.
 a. Slab b. Basilica
 c. Epitaph d. Pillar
48. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that given their correct order.
 A. Around 600 million of them live in areas of high to extreme water stress.
 B. India is suffering from the worst water crisis, with one billion people living in water scarcity.
 C. This is even more than that of China and US combined.
 D. The reason is that at 24 per cent, India uses the most groundwater drawn out globally.
 a. ACBD b. ADCB
 c. BADC d. BDAC
49. Select the most appropriate option of substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select No improvement.
If you listen to the English news, it improve your English.
 a. It will improve b. No improvement
 c. It improved d. It is improving
50. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Pull yourself together
 a. Go to sleep b. Try to understand
 c. Calm down d. Do a good job

Answers and Solutions

- (a) Preposition ‘to’ should not be used with the word reassured.
- (c) The structure of some sentences is :
Noun + Preposition + Noun
In such sentences, Verb agrees with the number and person the Noun coming before the first preposition.
Here, demand is singular. Hence is growing everyday—should be used.
- (c) Here, what I had been looking for/what I was looking for should be used.
- (c) during
- (d) No improvement
- (d) 7. (d) 8. (d) 9. (c) 10. (b)
- (a) auditor
- (b) Optimist

13. (b) Idiom come clean means; to admit and explain something that you have kept as a secret.
14. (d) Idiom in the dark means: knowing nothing someone; to make somebody else responsible.
15. (d) Idiom pass the buck means: blame someone; to make somebody else responsible.
16. (a) The word Vague (Adjective) means: not clear; indistinct; not giving enough information.
The word Precise (Adjective) means: clear and accurate; exact; meticulous.
The word Sharp (Adjective) means: clear and definite; having a fine edge.
Hence, the words Vague and Sharp are antonymous.
17. (b) The word Harmony (Noun) means: state of peaceful existence and agreement; the way in which different notes combine to make a pleasant sound.
18. (c) The word Purposely (Adverb) means : on purpose; deliberately; intentionally.
Hence, the words purposely and unintentionally are antonymous.
19. (b) The word Paucity (Noun) means : a small amount of something; less than enough of something; deficit; shortfall.
20. (d) The word Avert (Verb) means : to prevent something bad or dangerous from happening to turn your eyes; avoid.
21. (a) in a pure world
22. (b) self expression and nature
23. (c) fearful
24. (a) enjoyment of scenic beauty
25. (c) opt for creative expressions
26. (a) Active form to Passive Voice:
 - The places of subject and object will be interchanged in the sentence.
 - Only 3rd form of verb or past participle will be used as a main verb in the passive voice.The outer gate is requested to be locked at night.
27. (d) 'Were' must be replaced with 'was' to form a grammatically correct answer.
28. (b) Indelible/Inerasable: Marks making by ink or a pen that cannot be removed; incapable of being erased.
29. (c) Wrongly spelt word is con-temporary and the correct spelling is 'Contemporary'.
30. (c) 'Among' means the same. The blank needs a preposition which implies 'occurring in or shared by (some members of a group or community)'.
31. (d) 'Said' meaning 'utter words so as to convey information' an opinion, a feeling or intention is the appropriate word to fill in the blank.
32. (a) 'Almost' meaning 'not more than' is the appropriate word to fill in the blank.
33. (d) 'Different' meaning 'not the same as another or each other; unlike in nature, form, or quality' is the appropriate word to fill in the blank.
34. (d) Appropriate word to fill in the blank → bird.
35. (a) The tense of the underlined segment is incorrect. Present perfect continuous tense should be used.
For improvement of sentence use 'have been trying to solve' in place of 'try to solve'.
36. (b) 'Symbolize' means 'be a symbol of' and it is the appropriate word to fill in the blank.
37. (c) If someone gives you the cold shoulder, they deliberately stop being friendly to you and ignore you.
38. (c) 'Experience' is the incorrectly spelt word. The correct spelling is 'experience' which means 'practical contact with and observation of facts or events'.
39. (c) Opposite of the Eminent is :
Inconspicuous: not clearly visible or attracting attention.
40. (d) 'Conservation' meaning 'preservation, protection, or restoration of the natural environment and of wildlife' is the appropriate word to fill in the blank.
41. (d) Logical order of the four jumbled sentences is: ADBC
42. (d) Aviary: A large cage, building or enclosure for keeping birds in.
43. (b) 'The worst tropical cyclone' is erroneous. The noun following the phrase 'one of the' is always a plural noun.
Delete 'one of' before 'the worst tropical' in the sentence.
44. (c) Opposite of Agony is:
Comfort: a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint.
45. (a) Triumph/Victory: A great victory or achievement; an act of defeating an enemy or opponent in a battle, game, or other competition.
46. (c) Changing passive form to Active form.
 - They brought up their children with great care.
47. (c) Epitaph: a phrase or form of words written in memory of a person who has died, especially as an inscription on a tombstone.
48. (c) Logical order of the four jumbled sentences → BADC
49. (a) For improvement of sentence, use 'it will improve' in place of 'it improve'.
50. (c) The phrase 'pull yourself together' means 'to recover control of one's emotions'.
You've got to pull yourself together and find a job.