

GE SCHOOL OF COMPETITIVE EXAMS

MISCELLANEOUS TEST ENGLISH

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ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

In the following question, the first word is given in capital letters followed by four alternative words. Select from the alternatives the word nearest in meaning to the word given in capital letters.

1. PANDEMONIUM

- a) Clarity
- b) Confusion
- c) Glee
- d) Casual

Ans: b) 'Pandemonium' means wild and noisy disorder or confusion.

In the following question, the first word is given in capital letters followed by four other words, one of which is the antonym of the first word. Find the word.

2. PHLEGMATIC

- a) Frigid
- b) Emotional
- c) Indifferent
- d) Apathetic

Ans b) 'Phlegmatic' means having an unemotional and stolidly calm disposition and 'Emotional' is the exact opposite word.

The following sentences can be replaced with one word from the options given below them. Choose the correct word and mark as your answer.

3. An instrument to measure blood pressure

- a) Thermometer
- b) Barometer
- c) Sphygmomanometer
- d) Manometer

Ans: c): Sphygmomanometer is an instrument for measuring blood pressure.

4. The art of writing

- a) Cartography

- b) Polygraphy
- c) Holography
- d) Calligraphy

Ans: d) Calligraphy is the art of producing decorative handwriting or lettering with a pen or brush.

5. An organism living on another

- a) Symbiotic
- b) Predator
- c) Parasite
- d) Asymptote

Ans: d) Calligraphy is the art of producing decorative handwriting or lettering with a pen or brush.

Choose the option that completes the sentence most meaningfully and appropriately.

6. For the smooth functioning of Parliament, it is necessary that the political _____ is ended.

- a) Solution
- b) Debate
- c) Deadlock
- d) Agreement

Ans: c) As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Deadlock' which means a situation, typically one involving opposing parties, in which no progress can be made, fits in the blank.

7. India's macro-economic variables are quite stable and there is no imminent danger of a meltdown because of the Greek economic _____.

- a) Supple
- b) Dribble
- c) Cripple
- d) Ripple

Ans: d) As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Ripple' which in the context of sentence means the effect of crisis spread through a group or place, fits in the blank.

8. The company is expected to see a _____ in interest in its cars because of the scandal.

- a) Spot
- b) Rise
- c) Drop
- d) Lot

Ans: c) As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'drop' fits in the blank.

9. The 12 countries Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the US and Vietnam _____ 40 per cent of the global economy.

Ans: c) As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'constitute' which means be (a part) of a whole, fits in the blank.

There are four different words out of which one is correctly spelled. Find the correctly spelled word.

- 10.(a) Idiosyncrasy
(b) Idiosyncracy
(c) Idioisyncrasy
(d) Ideosyncrasy

Ans.(a)Idiosyncrasy: a mode of behavior or way of thought peculiar to an individual.

- 11.(a) Pavvilion
(b) Pavellion
(c) Pavillion
(d) Pavilion

Ans.(d)Pavilion: a building near a sports field, especially one where cricket is played, used by the players and sometimes by people watching the game.

- 12.(a) Humorresque
(b) Humoresque
(c) Humoresquie
(d) Humuoresque

Ans.(b)Humoresque: a short, lively piece of music.

13. Which of the following spellings is correct?
a) Diarrea
b) Diarhea
c) Diarrhea
d) diarrhoea

Ans.(d) diarrhoea - a condition in which faeces are discharged from the bowels frequently and in a liquid form.

In the following questions each sentence has an underlined part that can be improved by replacing the part with one among the four options given below. Choose the correct option and if you think no improvements can be made, then select (d) as your answer.

14. My caretaker asked me when would I have a glass of milk.
a) I will
b) I shall
c) I would
d) No correction required

The grammatically correct sentence would be "My caretaker asked me when I shall have a glass of milk".

15. Try to be manipulative when you refuse any proposal, so far not to cause bad feelings.
a) So as not
b) As far not
c) Since then not

d) If as far not

The grammatically correct sentence would be "Try to be manipulative when you refuse any proposal, so as not to cause bad feelings".

16. The robbers broke in Mr. Gandhi's house last night.

- a) Broke open
- b) Broke through
- c) Broke into
- d) Broke onto

The grammatically correct sentence would be "The robbers broke into Mr. Gandhi's house last night".

17. On seeing the ghost he felt too much afraid.

- a) Excessively much
- b) Very much
- c) Much
- d) No improvement

The grammatically correct sentence would be "On seeing the ghost he felt very much afraid"

18. The various rules and regulations for online stock trading are laid down by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

- a) Are led down
- b) Are laid up
- c) Have been lay down
- d) No correction required

The sentence is grammatically correct.

The following sentences have a certain phrase underlined in bold. Choose the correct phrase from the options given below to replace the highlighted phrase and make it grammatically correct. Ignore punctuation errors if any.

19. The paintings in the museum, offers an eye view of the layouts of the world's ancient cities.

- a) a big eye view
- b) an animal's eye view
- c) a bird's eye view
- d) None of the above

The suitable phrase should be 'a bird's eye view' which means a view from a very high place which allows you to see a large area.

20. She lost her job for playing forts and tunnels with the funds of the organisation.

- a) Hide and Seek
- b) Ducks and Drakes
- c) Crafts and Stories
- d) None of the above

The suitable phrase should be 'Ducks and Drakes' which means to carelessly misuse one's wealth.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

If one were to go by the Meteorological Department's latest monsoon forecast, rainfall deficit in the country has widened to 10 per cent as a result of the strengthening El Nino, a cyclical weather pattern triggered by the warming of oceans. El Nino-2015, said to be the strongest since 1997, is expected to last well into 2016. This means that India could be heading towards its first major drought in six years. Though agriculture accounts for only 15 per cent of our gross domestic product, nearly three-fifths of our population depends on it for survival. The sector is already under stress as continuing farmer suicides painfully inform us. A drought now will be calamitous.

The portents have already become alarming in Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Bihar. Immediate action by the Centre and State governments is necessary to help the farming community. Since more than half the farmland in the country lacks proper irrigation facilities, it is the June-September rainfall that mainly decides a farmer's annual income. While relief should be the top priority, concerted efforts are also needed to ensure that drought does not spur inflation. State agencies should take steps to make essential commodities available to the Aam Aadmi at reasonable prices and drives against black-marketers and hoarders must be prompt and drastic.

These, vital as they are, can at best be only short-term measures. Long-term action plan to modernize agriculture must be seen as a national priority. Recent reports by eminent scientists have warned of 'monsoon droughts' in the next few decades due to the changing climatic conditions. Successive governments in India have failed to address problems arising from the overwhelming dependence of agriculture on monsoons. These are basic issues of survival and yet, in our over-politicized country, governments refuse to look beyond the next election. This must change. Understanding how rivers can be leveraged for agriculture, for movement of goods, for tourism is an essential first step. Extensive use of technology is just as important. The government has changed the name of the Ministry of Agriculture. That cosmetic improvement will be ineffective if it is not followed up with an integrated policy approach to agriculture.

21. According to the passage, what is the relation between India's population's dependency on agriculture and agriculture sectors contribution to India's GDP?

- a) Positive Relationship
- b) Negative Relationship
- c) Both are neutral to each other
- d) None of the above

Ans.(b) It has been clearly mentioned in the passage that though agriculture accounts for only 15 per cent of our gross domestic product, nearly three-fifths of our population depends on it for survival

22. What is 'El Nino' causing as per the author of the passage?

- a) Floods by the warming of oceans.
- b) Cyclones by the warming of oceans.
- c) Rain Deficit by the warming of oceans.
- d) Earthquakes by the warming of oceans.

Ans.(c)It has been clearly mentioned in the passage that the forecast related to monsoon can be caused by rainfall deficit in the country has widened to 10 per cent as a result of the strengthening El Nino, a cyclical weather pattern triggered by the warming of oceans.

23. According to the author of the passage, what measures should be taken to curb the inflation situation after drought?

- a) Increase the prices of essential commodities.
- b) Decrease the prices of essential commodities.
- c) Arrest the black-marketers and hoarders.
- d) Promote black-marketing and hoarding.

Ans.(b)'State agencies should take steps to make essential commodities available to the Aam Aadmi at reasonable prices and drives against black-marketers and hoarders must be prompt and drastic.

24. What does the word 'Portent' means in the passage?

- a) Signs
- b) Advices
- c) Lessons
- d) Threats

Ans.(a)'Portent means a sign or warning that a momentous or calamitous event is likely to happen.

25. The author of the passage has referred to which thing as a cosmetic improvement?

- a) Extensive use of technology in agriculture.
- b) Ministry of Agriculture changing its name.
- c) Following integrated policy approach towards modernisation of agriculture.
- d) Government taking measure against coping with drought situation.

Ans.(b)'The last lines of the passage clearly mention that the government has changed the name of the Ministry of Agriculture. That cosmetic improvement will be ineffective if it is not followed up with an integrated policy approach to agriculture.

In the following questions, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No error'

26. The landlord made the boys (1)/ to do the garden (2)/ make over all over again. (3)/ No error (4).

Ans.(b)'To' will not be used because – made indicates forcing someone to do something one does not want to do. Direct infinitive is used after the verbs like- let, bid, make, know, help etc.

27. My parents asked me (1)/ that how long (2)/ I would stay there. (3)/ No error (4).

Ans.(b)'That' will not be used because in Indirect Speech of Interrogative Sentences, 'that' is not used. When a question begins with a question word (what, who, whom, when, where, why, how, etc.) the same word is used to introduce the question in the Indirect Speech.

28. As a chef (1)/ Kajal is as good (2)/, if not better than Mahender. (3)/ No error (4).

Ans.(b) 'as good as' will replace 'as good'. 'As good as' is an idiom which means nearly.

29. I laughed on (1)/ her as she fell off the (2)/ tree and got injured. (3)/ No error (4).

Ans.(a) Replace "on her" with "at her" as 'laugh' agrees with preposition "at".

30. Jyoti is so obstinate (1)/ that no one can (2)/ altar her views. (3)/ No error (4).

Ans.(c) Replace 'altar' with 'alter'. Altar means place of worship whereas Alter means change.

31. The Government has declared (1)/that it will launch a three-crores rupees project (2)/ within the next few days. (3)/No error (4)

Ans.(b)'Three - crore' will replace 'three - crores' because -In hyphenated Compound Adjectives, the Noun is used in Singular form. Hence, this three-crore project is the right usage.

32. India has never attacked on any country, (1)/ nor has it ever coveted anyone's territory but (2)/ made supreme sacrifice fighting for others. (3)/ No error (4)

Ans.(a) Drop "on" before 'any country' as no preposition is used after some verbs when these verbs are used in active voice. Example: stress, emphasise, discuss, attack etc.

33. It was in the basis of the new constitution that (1)/ the Committee of Administrators (CoA) and the Electoral Officer (2)/ conducted the BCCI elections on October 23. (3)/ No error (4)

Ans(a)The error is in part 'A' of the sentence as the correct phrase to be used is "on the basis of" which means "because of a particular fact or situation (based on)". So, consider replacing "in" with "on".

34. The students cared (1)/ a little about the (2)/ consequences of their protest. (3)/ No error (4)

Ans(b)Little, as an adverb, is used in a negative sense to mean 'almost not'. Whereas, 'a little' is used in an affirmative sense to mean "slightly or somewhat". In the given sentence, replace "a little" with "little" as the sense of the sentence is: "The students did not care about the consequences of their protest".

35. Unless we do not pay systematic attention (1)/ to the data infrastructure, we are likely to have (2)/ the national discourse hijacked by poor quality data. (3)/ No Error (4)

Ans.(a)Unless means the same as if...not. Unless is used instead of if...not in conditional sentences of all types. Use of "do not" after 'unless' makes the sentence superfluous, so consider removing it to make the sentence error free.

Choose the option that completes the sentence most meaningfully and appropriately.

36. Candidates have _____ using malpractices in the examination because they know these can be _____ .

- (a) Resorted to; challenged
- (b) Planned; proved
- (c) started; dangerous
- (d) Stopped; detected

Ans (a) Something as expressed through the adjective 'unhealthy'. Hence, option 'a' is the correct choice. The Olympic Games which concluded recently witnessed some athletes taking help of illegal things. Hence, option 'a' is the correct choice.

37. Crocodile can live effortlessly both _____ water and _____ land.

- (a) In; on
- (b) With; over
- (c) Without; the
- (d) Inside; above

Ans (a) the sub-ordinate conjunction is used where the cause and effect are in the same direction. Candidates are not using unfair means because they know these can be detected.

38. Though the programme was _____ scheduled for seven days, it was later _____ to four days

- (a) Finally; decided
- (b) originally; curtailed
- (c) Ultimately; made
- (d) Formerly; declared

Ans (b) originally; curtailed
Original schedule of seven days was shortened to four days.

Fill in the blanks with proper alternatives.

According to sociologists, 1 gains in many ways when the government 2 sports and games 3: provides playgrounds; the necessary equipment and other facilities; rewards outstanding 4 so as to encourage others also to 5 games. The crime 6 dips, which means that the 7 of general crimes decreases 8 the right spirit and the right approach to things is developed on the 9. Sport, it has been said, is not only a manifestation of animal energy of surplus strength to develop more strength; it is, in addition, a 10 and wholesome outlet for the aggressive spirit in human beings.

- 39.a)** country
- b) society
- c) government
- d) state

Ans. (b)

- 40.a)** encourage
- b) plays

- c) conducts
- d) avoids

Ans. (a)

- 41.a)** In villages
- b) In towns
- c) In stadium
- d) everywhere

Ans. (d)

- 42.a)** umpires
- b) sportsman
- c) leaders
- d) people

Ans. (d)

- 43.a)** see
- b) watch
- c) conduct
- d) play

Ans. (d)

- 44.a)** detective
- b) branch
- c) graph
- d) investigation

Ans. (c)

- 45.a)** incidence
- b) increase
- c) interest
- d) introduction

Ans. (a)

- 46.a)** unless
- b) because
- c) yet
- d) however

Ans. (b)

- 47.a)** warfield
- b) school
- c) playground
- d) college

Ans. (c)

- 48..a) safe
- b) clever
- c) satisfying
- d) good

Ans. (a)

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49. The main point of her speech was well understood.

- a) That she spoke
- b) Made when she spoke
- c) Made by her speech
- d) No improvement

Ans: d)There is no grammatical error in the sentence.

50. Potatoes are dead cheap these days.

- a) Deadly Cheap
- b) Dirt Cheap
- c) Dust Cheap
- d) No improvement

Ans: b)The correct sentence would be "Potatoes are dirt cheap these days".