

MISCELLANEOUS TEST
ENGLISH

FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION CONTACT 8617739622 BETWEEN 10 am AND 6pm

ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

1. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom

draw a blank

1. be happy about something
2. be lucky in a game
3. be unable to sketch
4. be unsuccessful

Ans: be unsuccessful

2. Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words

The statistical study of the population

1. psychology
2. demography
3. anthropology
4. sociology

Ans: demography

3. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.

They will not allow mobile phones in the examination hall.

1. Mobile phones are not being allowed in the examination hall.
2. Mobile phones were not allowed in the examination hall.
3. Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination hall.
4. Mobile phones will not be allowed in the examination hall.

Ans: Mobile phones will not be allowed in the examination hall.

4. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.

If I does not pay my post-paid mobile bill by tomorrow I will probably have to pay a fine.

1. If I do not pay
2. No improvement
3. If I had not paid
4. If I has not paid

Ans: If I do not pay

5. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

It is not _____ of language that makes one an ineffective speaker; it is the dearth of ideas.

1. difficulty
2. poverty
3. complexity
4. intricacy

Ans: poverty

6. Select the correctly spelt word.

1. terbulence
2. terbiulence

3. turbulence
4. turbeulence

Ans: turbulence

7. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.

- A. Today, man is master of the world and he makes the animals do what he likes.
- B. Others he eats; and those like the lion and the tiger, he shoots for pleasure.
- C. Early man, when he first came, must have been surrounded by many huge animals, and he must have lived in fear of them.
- D. Some he tames like the horse, the cow, the elephant, the dog, the cat and so many others.

1. CBDA
2. ACBD
3. CADB
4. BCDA

Ans: CADB

Comprehension: 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.

After a lesson on negative sentences, a pupil tells his teacher, "I ain't got no pencils." She corrects him immediately saying, "The correct way to say (1) _____ is, "I don't have any pencils". "We don't (2) _____ any pencils." "He (3) _____ have any pencils. They don't have any pencils. (4) _____ you understand?" asks the teacher. "No," the boy wens, astonished. "(5) _____ happened to all the pencils?"

8. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1.

1. it
2. them
3. those
4. which

Ans: it

9. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2.

1. having
2. has
3. had
4. have

Ans: have

10. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3.

1. doesn't
2. don't
3. do
4. does

Ans: doesn't

11. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4.

1. Do
2. Does
3. Doesn't
4. Have

Ans: Do

12. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5.

1. How
2. Which
3. Where
4. What

Ans: What

13. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.

- A. But now that his father had asked him to fetch some cheroots, he would have to pass by the high school to reach the shop.
- B. The teachers and students would all be there, and he was ashamed of being seen outdoors.
- C. Of late Krishna had confined himself to the four walls of the house.
- D. Wondering how to get past the school unnoticed, he slowly ventured out.

- 1. DACB
- 2. CBDA
- 3. ACBD
- 4. CABD

Ans: CABD

14. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.

The express bus generally stops at only the major towns on the route.

- 1. generally stop in only the major towns
- 2. No improvement
- 3. generally stopping on only the major towns
- 4. generally stopped from only the major towns

Ans: No improvement

15. Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words

A person who is skilled at writing beautifully

- 1. painter
- 2. cartoonist
- 3. artist

4. calligrapher

Ans: calligrapher

16. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.

The doctor told his patient, "Continue the same course of medicines for the next week."

1. The doctor told his patient to continued the same course of medicines in the next week.
2. The doctor told his patient for continuing the same course of medicines for the next week.
3. The doctor told his patient that he may continue the same course of medicines in the following week.
4. The doctor told his patient to continue the same course of medicines for the following week.

Ans: The doctor told his patient to continue the same course of medicines for the following week.

17. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom

late in the day

1. too delayed to be of any use
2. too ripe to eat
3. too dark to see anything
4. too old to work

Ans: too delayed to be of any use

18. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

CHRONIC

1. infrequent
2. regular
3. routine

4. continuing

Ans: infrequent

19. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

FLEETING

1. complete

2. lasting

3. momentary

4. ready

Ans: momentary

20. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

The two states frequently has differences over the use of the river water especially during the summer months.

1. has differences

2. especially during the summer months

3. over the use of the river water

4. The two states frequently

Ans: has differences (have differences)

21. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

MENTAL

1. strength

2. physical

3. brainy

4. ability

Ans: physical

22. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

ANOMALOUS

1. indirect
2. peculiar
3. unhealthy
4. common

Ans: peculiar

23. Select the wrongly spelt word.

1. triangulation
2. resentmenta
3. commencement
4. continuation

Ans: comencement

24. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

The Chairman advised them to build a bridge between the two companies using _____ and compromise.

1. competition
2. negotiation
3. control
4. strength

Ans: negotiation

25. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

The childrens are fond of climbing the mango tree in the garden.

1. The childrens
2. climbing the mango tree

3. in the garden

4. are fond of

Ans: The childrens

Look at the underlined part of each sentence. Below each sentence are given three possible substitutions for the underlined part. If one of them (a), (b) or (c) is better than the underlined part, indicate it as your response. Compare it with the answers given and read the explanation for further clarification.

26. There is no rain in our village for the last six months.

(a) has been

(b) was

(c) had been

(d) No improvement

Ans. (a) has been. Since the 'six months' time period was mentioned the question, as rains are still continuing, the sentence is in present perfect tense.

27. The police investigated into the matter.

(a) with the matter

(b) at the matter

(c) the matter

(d) No improvement

Ans. (c) the matter. The use of the preposition 'into' is unnecessary in this situation.

28. Ramachandra Murthy and his family have been in Guyana from 1985.

(a) since

(b) about

(c) on

(d) No improvement

Ans. (a) since. Since the exact time mentioned in the past, we should use since. Had there been phrases like six months, one year or so, then we should use 'for'.

29. I am living in this town since 1980.

(a) was living

(b) shall live

(c) have been living

(d) No improvement

Ans. (c) have been living. It is similar to the question no.1. The sentence is in present perfect tense, hence the answer is 'have been living'.

30. If I was you I should tell him the truth.

- (a) am you
- (b) were you
- (c) had been you
- (d) No improvement

Ans. (b) were you. To denote a hypothetical situation, the appropriate helping verb in this situation is 'were'.

31. He is better than any boy in the class.

- (a) any boys
- (b) all the boys
- (c) any other boy
- (d) No improvement

Ans. (c) any other boy. Since, it is about the comparison with other boys, it must be 'any other boy'.

32. I never saw you at the party yesterday.

- (a) have not seen
- (b) did not see
- (c) had never seen
- (d) No improvement

Ans. (b) did not see. The party is a one time instance, hence 'did not see' is appropriate.

33. If I were him I would have not accepted the offer.

- (a) If I was him
- (b) If I were he
- (c) If I had he
- (d) No improvement

Ans. (b) If I were he. As per the English grammar, 'He' is an appropriate pronoun in this situation.

34. What the nation needs is people of character.

- (a) are the people of character
- (b) are people of character
- (c) is a people of character
- (d) No improvement

Ans. (d) No Improvement. No Improvement is required, as nation is singular.

35. We now come to the important question of where this great swarm of galaxies have come from.

- (a) have come
- (b) has come from
- (c) are coming from
- (d) No improvement

Ans. (b) has come from. Since the swarm of galaxies is singular, 'has come from' is appropriate in this sentence.

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one, which best express the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

36. Mother said, "Oh! It's a scorpion. Don't go near it, children."

- 1) Mother exclaimed with disgust that, that was a scorpion and told the children not to go near it.
- 2) Mother exclaimed disgustingly that, it was a scorpion and told the children not to go near it.
- 3) Mother exclaimed with disgust that it was a scorpion and told the children not to go near it.
- 4) Mother exclaimed with disgust that, that was a scorpion and told the children not to go near that.

Answer: Mother exclaimed with disgust that it was a scorpion and told the children not to go near it.

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

37. to have as belonging to one; own.

- 1) to dominate

- 2) to possess
- 3) to abandon
- 4) to hog

Answer: to possess

38 - Select the word with the correct spelling.

- 1) panacease
- 2) saboteur
- 3) contraste
- 4) columunar

Answer: saboteur

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

39. Necessity is the mother of invention

- 1) solution to a problem is easy if one is sufficiently desperate
- 2) great inventions happen only if you are desperate
- 3) there is always a mother behind every great scientist who has invented something
- 4) when the need for something becomes essential, you are forced to find ways of getting it

Answer: when the need for something becomes essential, you are forced to find ways of getting it

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

40. the action of making amends for a wrong one has done

- 1) reparation
- 2) extortion
- 3) reclamation
- 4) retrieval

Answer: reparation

In each of the question part, find out which part has an error. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'.

- 41:** a. My father goes
b. to the office

- c. five day week
- d. No error

Ans. (c)The correct answer is- "My father goes to the office five days a week."

- 42:** a. I have got
b. My MBA degree
c. In 2016
d. No error

Ans.(a)The correct sentence out of the above options-"I got my MBA degree in 2016."

- 43:** a. Two-thirds of the book
b. were
c. rubbish
d. No error

Ans.(b)The correct sentence will be- " Two-thirds of the book was rubbish."

- 44:** a. You can get
b. All the necessary information
c. That you want in this book
d. No error

Ans.(c) The correct sentence out of the given options-"You can get all the necessary information, you want in this book."

- 45:** a. The manager
b. Visits the office regularly,
c. Isn't it
d. No error

Ans.(c) The correct sentence using the options will be-"The Manager visits the office regularly, doesn't he?"

- 46:** a. My elder brother
b. Asked me
c. That what I was doing
d. No error

Ans.(c) The correct sentence structure will be- " My elder brother asked me, what I was doing."

- 47:** a. The famous Dr. Rastogi
b. Is only dentist
c. In our village
d. No error

Ans.(b) The correct sentence structure will be-"The famous Dr. Rastogi is the only dentist in our village."

- 48:**a. It is written in Gita
b. That God incarnates himself
c. In times of trouble
d. No error

Ans.(a) the correct sentence will be-"It is written in the Gita that God incarnates himself in times of trouble."

- 49:**a. May I
b. Know who you want
c. To see please
d. No error

Ans.(b) The correct sentence structure will be-" May I know whom you want to see please?"

- 50:**a. I am much pleased
b. To know that
c. You have qualified NDA exam
d. No error

Ans.(a) The correct sentence will be-" I am very pleased to know that you have qualified NDA exam."