

MISCELLANEOUS TEST  
ENGLISH

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ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

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

1. A speech delivered without any previous preparation

- a) Dialogue
- b) Extempore
- c) Elocution
- d) Dialect

**Answer: b)**

**Explanation:** Extempore means a speech spoken, carried out, or composed with little or no preparation or forethought.

2. A great lover of books

- a) Biography
- b) Bibliography
- c) Bibliophile
- d) Biblical

**Answer: c)**

**Explanation:** A bibliophile is an individual who loves books.

3. One who journeys to a holy place

- a) Pilgrim
- b) Begrime
- c) Megrim
- d) Grim

**Answer: a)**

**Explanation:** A pilgrim is a traveler (literally one who has come from afar) who is on a journey to a holy place.

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

4. Major e-tailers have also come up with mobile \_\_\_\_\_ to help their customers to shop with ease, and on the move.

- a) Activities
- b) Applications
- c) Recharge
- d) Handsets

**Answer: b)**

**Explanation:** A mobile application is a software application developed specifically for use on small, wireless computing devices, such as smart phones and tablets, rather than desktop or laptop computers.

5. The Chinese stock market \_\_\_\_\_ is unlikely to be the trigger for a 1930s-like depression as the tremors till now have been confined within the perimeter of the Great Wall.

- a) Trading
- b) Shares
- c) Meltdown
- d) Dealing

**Answer: c)**

**Explanation:** As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Meltdown' which means a disastrous collapse or breakdown, fits in the blank.

**Direction (6-10): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of alternative given.**

On the cusp of the southwest monsoon, several \_\_\_\_\_ States are hoping to revive their rivers and reservoirs with \_\_\_\_\_ rain. One of them is Gujarat, which is \_\_\_\_\_ by the long-tail effect of a \_\_\_\_\_ monsoon between August and November last year. The State government has embarked on a labour-intensive programme to desalt rivers and water bodies ahead of the rains. It \_\_\_\_\_ reflects the larger reality of drought in India, aggravated by heat waves and significant rain deficits in different regions.

**Q6. On the cusp of the southwest monsoon, several \_\_\_\_\_ States are hoping to revive**

- (a) parched
- (b) arid
- (c) stifling
- (d) united

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Parched:** dried out with heat.

**Arid:** (of land or a climate) having little or no rain; too dry or barren to support vegetation.

**Stifling:** (of heat, air, or a room) very hot and causing difficulties in breathing; suffocating.

Hence option B fits in the context.

**Q7. Their rivers and reservoirs with \_\_\_\_\_ rain.**

- (a) jollity
- (b) delectated
- (c) inundated
- (d) bountiful

**Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Jollity(noun): lively and cheerful activity or celebration.**

**Delectate (verb): to obtain pleasure from or take pleasure in something.**

**Inundate(verb): flood**

**Bountiful (adjective): large in quantity; abundant.**

**Hence option D is the right usage.**

**Q8. One of them is Gujarat, which is \_\_\_\_\_ by the long-tail effect**

- (a) interrupted
- (b) roiled
- (c) reviled
- (d) stile

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Roil(verb): to move turbulently: be in a state of turbulence or agitation.**

**Revile(verb): criticize in an abusive or angrily insulting manner.**

**Stile(noun): an arrangement of steps that allows people but not animals to climb over a fence or wall.**

**Hence option B fits in the context.**

**Q9. Of a \_\_\_\_\_ monsoon between August and November last year.**

- (a) opulent
- (b) defected
- (c) deficit
- (d) unwanted

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Opulent: amply or plentifully provided often to the point of ostentation.**

**Deficit: shortfall; deficiency.**

**Hence option C fits in the context.**

**Q10. Its \_\_\_\_\_ reflects the larger reality of drought in India, aggravated by heat waves and significant rain deficits in different regions.**

- (a) breakthrough
- (b) tumult
- (c) predicament
- (d) impasse

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Breakthrough: an instance of achieving success in a particular sphere or activity.**

**Tumult: a loud, confused noise, especially one caused by a large mass of people.**

**Predicament:** a difficult or unpleasant situation.

**Impasse:** a situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement.

Hence Option C fits in the context.

**10. 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.**

After going through their brochure I has decided to make a donation to help their campaign.

1. No improvement
2. I decided for making a donation to help
3. I decided to make a donation to help
4. I decide to make a donation for helping

**Correct answer:** I decided to make a donation to help

**11. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom**

**in a nutshell**

1. express very briefly
2. put everything in a shell
3. packed very tightly
4. add nuts into something

**Correct answer:** express very briefly

**12. Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words**

**A game in which no one wins**

1. feat
2. conquest
3. triumph
4. draw

**Correct answer:** draw

**13. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.**

**The cyclone has damaged several crops.**

1. Several crops have been damaged by the cyclone.
2. Several crops are being damaged by the cyclone.
3. Several crops have damaged the cyclone.
4. Several crops had been damaged by the cyclone.

**Correct answer: Several crops have been damaged by the cyclone. Present perfect form (has/have – v3 changes into has/have – been – v3)**

**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.**

With the groundwater table receding alarmingly, an ostrich mentality will only increase water woes. Deficit rainfall (1) \_\_\_\_\_ indiscriminate extraction of ground water (2) \_\_\_\_\_ two major reasons for (3) \_\_\_\_\_ situation. Government must promote (4) \_\_\_\_\_ harvesting and conservation. Citizens must (5) \_\_\_\_\_ learn to use water judiciously or else the State will run out of water like Cape Town.

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

1. unless
2. also
3. and
4. but

**Correct answer: and**

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

1. is
2. was
3. be
4. are

**Correct answer: are**

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

1. those
2. a
3. their
4. the

**Correct answer: the**

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

1. crop
2. seed
3. water
4. soil

**Correct answer: water**

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

1. although
2. also
3. already
4. anyhow

**Correct answer: also**

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

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1. exhibit
2. expose
3. divulge
4. disguise

**Correct answer: disguise**

**20. Select the wrongly spelt word.**

1. oppurtunity
2. opposition
3. opulence
4. oppression

**Correct answer: opportunity ('opportunity' is the correct spelling)**

**Each of the following sentences is divided in to four parts. Any of the parts may contain an error. Select the part that has an error. Select option (d), if you find no error in the sentence. Ignore punctuation errors if any.**

**21. My sister-in-laws (a)/ who live in Bangalore (b)/ have come to stay with us. (c)/ No error (d)**

**Answer: a)**

**Explanation:** Replace 'sister-in-laws' with 'sister-in-law'.

**22. A woman who always (a)/ connives on the mistakes (b)/ of her children is their worst enemy. (c)/ No error (d)**

**Answer: b)**

**Explanation:** Replace 'on' with 'at'.

**23. As the celebration was going (a)/ we noticed Mrs. Sharma fall back (b)/ in her chair gasping for breath. (c)/ No error (d)**

**Answer: a)**

**Explanation:** Add 'on' after 'going'.

**24. Which of the following spellings is correct?**

- a) Pnemonia
- b) Neumonia
- c) Pneumonia
- d) Pneimonia

**Answer: c)**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is option c).

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.

**25. If I wasn't in the middle of a party, I (will be) happy to visit you.**

- a) Would be
- b) Would have been
- c) Should have been
- d) No correction required

**Answer: b)**

**Explanation:** The grammatically correct sentence would be "If I wasn't in the middle of a party, I would have been happy to visit you".

**26. Manish is (fast) as or perhaps faster than Suresh.**

- a) Almost as fast
- b) As fast
- c) Equally fast
- d) No correction required

**Answer: b)**

**Explanation:** The grammatically correct sentence would be "Manish is as fast or perhaps faster than Suresh".

**27. The great scientist said that the earth (revolved) around the sun.**

- a) Has been revolving
- b) Is revolving
- c) Revolves
- d) No correction required

**Answer: c)**

**Explanation:** The grammatically correct sentence would be "The great scientist said that the earth revolves around the sun".

**28. She has been growing weaker and her life now (hangs like a thread).**

- a) Hangs by a thread
- b) Hangs with threads
- c) Hung on a thread
- d) No correction required

**Answer: a)**

**Explanation:** The grammatically correct sentence would be “She has been growing weaker and her life now hangs by a thread”.

**29. There is a dearth of (woman constable) in our state. We shall have to recruit some from the other states.**

- a) Women Constable
- b) Woman Constables
- c) Women Constables
- d) No correction required

**Answer: c)**

**Explanation:** The grammatically correct sentence would be “There is a dearth of women constables in our state”.

**The following sentences have a certain phrase highlighted 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.**

**30. You will be rewarded, only if (**you yourself** deserve it).**

- a) You deserve yourself
- b) You deserving
- c) You deserves
- d) You deserve

**Answer: d)**

**Explanation:** The grammatically correct phrase would be “You will be rewarded, only if you deserve it.”

**31. He is transferred to Calcutta, (**where is**) his native place.**

- a) While in
- b) That is
- c) What is
- d) At his

**Answer: b)**

**Explanation:** The grammatically correct phrase would be “He is transferred to Calcutta, that is his native place.”

**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'**

32. 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.

33. 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.

34. 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.

35. 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".

36. 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.

37. 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.

38. 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.

39. 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".

40. 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".