

MISCELLANEOUS TEST ENGLISH

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In each of the questions, there are parts of sentences that form a paragraph. Identify the sentence/s or part/s that is/are correct in terms of grammar and usage and choose the answer accordingly.

1. I. A week ago newspapers reported that a handful of the big Western oil companies
II. were close to unveiling contracts for work in Iraq,
III. whose underexploited oil reserves are probably second
IV. only to Saudi Arabia.

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) IV only
- (d) III and IV only
- (e) No error

2. I. The translation isn't great and some of the local officials
II. have a tendency to go off at tangents, but it's
III. have found to gather opinion, and the Afghans have learnt
IV. to be forthright with the straight-talking Americans.

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) III only
- (d) II and IV only
- (e) No error

3. I. So once an economy is actually in recession,
II. the authorities can, in principle, move the economy
III. out of slump – assuming hypothetically
IV. that they know how to – by a temporary stimuli.

- (a) III only
- (b) IV only
- (c) I and II only
- (d) I, III and IV
- (e) No error

4. I. The idea proposed has been put into practice by everyone
II. from eight year old children who recycle, and major companies
III. that desperately trying to perfect

IV. alternative fuels for human use.

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) III only
- (d) II and III only
- (e) No error

5. I. If the energy legislation had

II. a chance of passing, it would have

III. stirred tens of billions of dollars of energy investment

IV. toward efficiency projects, renewable resources such as solar, wind and nuclear power.

- (a) I only
- (b) II only
- (c) III only
- (d) II and IV only
- (e) No error

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it in the context of the passage.

Our voyage was very prosperous, but I shall not trouble the reader with a journal of it. The captain called in at one or two ports and sent in his long-boat for provisions and fresh water, but I never went out of the ship still we came into the Downs, which was on the 3rd day of June, 1706, about nine months after my escape. I offered to leave my goods in security for payment of my freight, but the captain protested he would not receive one farthing. We took kind leave of each other, and I made him promise that he would come to see me at my house in Redriff. I hired a house and a guide for five shillings which I borrowed from the captain.

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6. When the writer uses the word 'prosperous' to describe the voyage, he means that

- (a) it made him rich
- (b) it made him healthy
- (c) it was very pleasant
- (d) it was uneventful

7. On the voyage, the author

- (a) left the ship at intervals
- (b) was not able to leave the ship because it did not stop
- (c) never left the ship at all
- (d) never left the ship till they came into the Downs

8. In the context of the passage, the word 'provisions' means

- (a) mainly food
- (b) mainly security
- (c) money

(d) mainly ammunition

9. For the payment of the author's freight, the captain

- (a) kept his goods as security
- (b) refused to accept any money
- (c) protested against being paid only a farthing
- (d) accepted a sum of money

10. From the passage, it is clear that the captain's attitude to the author was

- (a) one of hostility
- (b) one of indifference
- (c) one of extreme friendliness and kindness
- (d) one of disgust and irritation

In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

11. Property inherited from one's father

- (a) Vale
- (b) Patrimony
- (c) Legacy
- (d) Trench

12. Government by person of highest social order

- (a) Bureaucracy
- (b) Plutocracy
- (c) Democracy
- (d) Aristocracy

13. Study of ancient things like tombs, buried towns

- (a) Paleontology
- (b) Nomology
- (c) Archaeology
- (d) Genealogy

14. To banish or turn out of society and fellowship

- (a) Acrobat
- (b) Diatribe
- (c) Ostracise
- (d) Jurist

15. One who is neither intelligent nor dull

- (a) Tolerable
- (b) Commoner
- (c) Mediocre
- (d) Diligent

16. Carefully performing duties

- (a) Punctual
- (b) Punctilious

- (c) Sincere
- (d) Pugnacious

17. To mediate between two parties in a dispute

- (a) Interfere
- (b) Interact
- (c) Interrupt
- (d) Intercede

18. A thing liable to be easily broken

- (a) Breakable
- (b) Ductile
- (c) Brittle
- (d) Delicate

19. The place where bricks are baked

- (a) Foundry
- (b) Mint
- (c) Cemetery
- (d) Kiln

20. That is no longer in use

- (a) Exotic
- (b) Primitive
- (c) Obsolete
- (d) Ancient

21. Select the antonym of Evanescent

- (a) Clean
- (b) Tight
- (c) Eternal
- (d) Cheap

In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

22. The internal destruction of a human foetus in the uterus (infant in womb)

- (a) noticed
- (b) fortitude
- (c) poetized
- (d) foeticide

23. A poem in praise

- (a) Elegy
- (b) Sonnet
- (c) Pun
- (d) Ode

In this question, four words are given out of which only one is correctly spelt. Find that correctly spelt word.

24. (a) assasination
(b) assassination
(c) asaassination
(d) assessination.

In these questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word. Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct option out of the four alternatives.

25. All jobs are respectable _____ of their nature.
(a) immaterial
(b) irresponsible
(c) irrespective
(d) irrelevant

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

26. Kabir agreed (from me) on that point.
(a) to me
(b) at me
(c) with me
(d) No improvement
27. Raja (not only passed and won) a scholarship.
(a) not passed but won
(b) not only passed but also won
(c) not only passed and also won
(d) No improvement

In the following question, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out of which part of a sentence has an error and choose corresponding to the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error choose corresponding to 'No Error'.

28. (a) The economic depression is
(b) looming large not only over
(c) but also over the third-world countries
(d) No Error
29. (a) By the time
(b) the corn was harvested
(c) the grass seed covered the ground
(d) No Error

Four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Idiom/Phrase.

30. With a fine-tooth comb
(a) carelessly
(b) hastily
(c) carefully
(d) unnecessarily

31. (P) Also excluded are people whose families.

(Q) A gross annual income of Rs.8 lakh or more will be excluded from the quota.

(R) Own five acre or more of agriculture land.

(S) Families in the general category earning.

(a) PQRS

(b) RPSQ

(c) SRQP

(d) SQPR

32. (P) It merely glows a bright orange when a low-intensity beam of ultraviolet light is shone on it.

(Q) When applied on the finger, doesn't leave a trace –

(R) Indelible ink, the purple stain that billions of Indians show off during elections, may face an invisible challenger in the near future.

(S) The Delhi-based National Physical Laboratory (NPL), the creator of indelible ink, has a new concoction that,

(a) PQRS

(b) RPSQ

(c) RSQP

(d) SQPR

33. (P) The question was vital to the Ayodhya case and.

(Q) The three-judge Bench, holding that.

(R) Should be answered by a Constitution Bench.

(S) Justice Nazeer had delivered the dissenting opinion on.

(a) PQRS

(b) RPSQ

(c) SRQP

(d) SQPR

In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four as your answer.

34. _____ the people looked well enough, but when one looked more closely one saw that their faces were filled with despair.

(a) At first looking

(b) At first observations

(c) On first sight

(d) At first sight

35. Our monthly expenditure _____ by five hundred rupees when we decided to buy milk from the milkman.

(a) shot up

(b) got up

(c) moved

(d) grew up

36. Raj was tired of Puja's _____ approach, so he asked her to make her final decision by that evening.

- (a) silly-willy
- (b) dilly-dally
- (c) wasting
- (d) dilly-nally

Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

37. Leopards have learned to _____ to semi-urban living near Mumbai and Gurugram.

- (a) adapt
- (b) adopt
- (c) change
- (d) prepare

38. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) scenary
- (b) scarce
- (c) scheme
- (d) scanty

39. Select the most appropriate word to fill in blank Darkness _____ over the forest increasing the danger of wild animals.

- (a) collapsed
- (b) descended
- (c) grounded
- (d) declined

40. Identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

The Principal requested to the Chief Guest to inaugurate the sports meet.

- (a) The principal requested
- (b) the sports meet
- (c) to the Chief Guest
- (d) to inaugurate

41. His maid servant behavior (A)/ is undoubtedly indecent (B)/ but I don't understand how he tolerates it (C)/ No Error (D).

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

42. The issues are very complex (A)/ and the problem is that they are bound to be obscured (B)/ by these hypocritical politicians (C)/ No Error (D)

- (a) A

- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

43. Beside (A) / his mother he has two aunts (B) / who stay with him. (C) / No error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

44. Either the operator (A) / or the foreman are (B) / to blame for the accident. (C) / No error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

45. She dislikes (A) / you being most organized (B) / than she is. (C) / No error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

46. The new device (A)/aims at eliminating (B)/the risk of short-circuiting. (C)/No error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

47. I wish to heartily (A)/congratulate you for (B)/your astounding success. (C)/No error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

48. The efforts made by the charity (A) / were aimed to provide shelters (B) / to the homeless people (C) / No Error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

49. Seldom or ever have I (A)/ tried my best to defend my friends, (B)/ who are after all guilty to some extent. (C)/ No Error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

50. I was more thrilled (A) / in anticipation (B) / of a long journey (C) / by train. (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D