

# MISCELLANEOUS TEST

## ENGLISH

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### ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

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**In this section, you have one short passage. After this passage, you will find several questions based on the passage. First, read Passage, and answer the questions based on it.**

In the highest sense, religion is an intensely individual issue. But there is a national question also. We must hold together, and we cannot hold together only on the strength of police regulations. An internal regulator of conduct is absolutely necessary. Will men be good and wise without the aid of religion? As modern life has multiplied desires without the corrective of a sense of spiritual values, knowledge of modern science does not reduce either greed or lust. Indeed, it has nothing to do with these criminal disturbances of the mind. On the contrary, it finds fresh tools for greater indulgence in all forms of greed, lust, and anger. It is true that a sense of shame by itself often prevents overt misconduct. But it does not go to the root of the mischief; it does not stop undesirable mental activities. The only thing that can prevent or restrain these evils is the religious sense.

**1. According to the author, religion is essentially a**

- (a) personal matter
- (b) the matter having national relevance
- (c) the body of rules and regulations
- (d) the sacrifice of worldly desires

**Ans.(a)**

**Sol. According to the author, religion is essentially a personal matter.**

**2. The statement "we must hold together" means that we should**

- (a) be politically united
- (b) work together
- (c) be spiritually united
- (d) keep up our nation's prestige

**Ans.(d)**

**Sol. keep up our nation's prestige**

**3. The author thinks that in the modern times**

- (a) the police have grown very powerful
- (b) people's needs have increased
- (c) politicians have become corrupt
- (d) we are practicing several faiths

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol. The author thinks that in the modern times people's needs have increased.**

**4. The worst thing about modern science is that it has**

- (a) produced dangerous weapons
- (b) spread new superstitions
- (c) contributed to the decline of our values
- (d) discredited all religions

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol. The worst thing about modern science is that it has contributed to the decline of our values.**

**5. The author holds that the perfect remedy for man's evil propensities is a**

- (a) the sense of shame
- (b) religious sense
- (c) the combination of a sense of shame and religion
- (d) the sense of good conduct

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol. The author holds that the perfect remedy for man's evil propensities is a religious sense.**

**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.**

**6. The president is looking for a (1)/ military strategist to advise on (2)/ the best way to end the war. (3)/ No Error (4)**

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Verbs like Advise, Compel, Beg, Order, Command, Tell, Require etc. take 'object' after to + V1 when used in Active Voice form. Hence use 'him' after 'advise' as it is the correct pronoun to use here.**

**7. The little boy let go (1)/of his balloon, and watched (2)/ it to drift up into the sky. (3)/ No Error (4)**

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Remove 'to' before drift as verbs like let, watch, bid, behold, feel, make take bare infinitive i.e. only V1 with them.**

**8. The Ex- MLA talked (1)/ as if he has already been elected (2)/ to the presidency. (3)/ No error. (4)**

**Ans(b)**

**Sol. "Had" will replace "has" because – Use of 'as if' indicates an imaginary situation or a situation that may not be true. The Verb after 'as if' is always in the Past Subjunctive.**

**9. Everyone knows that the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and (1)/ the Congress have been working hand to glove (2)/ for decades while AAP emerged from agitation. (3)/ No error (4)**

**Ans(b)**

**Sol. Replace "to" by "in" because "hand in glove" is an idiom which means working together,**

often to do something dishonest.

10. He described about his (1)/training routine and academy (2)/experiences in a letter to his parents. (3)/No error (4)

Ans(a)

Sol. "described" will replace "described about" because – describe means to say about something/someone, give a detailed account of something. Use of about is superfluous.

11. The population of Seattle has stayed (1)/around half a million, broadly (2)/comparing to that of Glasgow. (3)/ No Error (4)

Ans(c)

Sol. Replace 'comparing' with 'comparable'. As we need an 'adjective' not a 'verb' to make the comparison.

Comparing (verb): estimate, measure, or note the similarity or dissimilarity between.

Comparable (adjective): able to be likened to another; similar.

12. His other key weakness is his (1)/ enableity to detach himself from (2)/his players and put them under pressure. (3)/ No Error (4)

Ans(b)

Sol. Replace 'enableity' with 'inability'.

Inability: the state of being unable to do something.

13. James told Robert that (1)/ Mona will leave for her (2)/ native place the next day. (3) /No error(4)

Ans(b)

Sol. Replace "will" with "would". In Indirect Speech, Will changes into Would when the Direct Speech is in Future Tense.

14. He took some medicine for (1)/ his lower abdominal pain (2)/ before he went to sleep. (3)/No error (4)

Ans(a)

Sol. "had taken" will replace "took" because when two incidents took place one after the other then the former action is kept in past perfect tense and the latter part should be kept in past indefinite tense.

15. Reena gave her friend (1)/no money nor she did help her (2)/ in any way. (3)/ No Error (4)

Ans(b)

Sol. Replace 'nor she did help' with 'nor did she help'. 'Hardly', 'Scarcely', 'Neither.... nor' etc. take inverse form of sentence structure i.e. Helping Verb + Subject + Main Verb.

16. Fear of thunder and lightning

- (a) Globophobia
- (b) Taphophobia
- (c) Astraphobia

(d) Ombrophobia

**S1. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Globophobia: the fear of balloons.**

**Taphophobia: the fear of being buried alive.**

**Astraphobia: abnormal fear of thunder and lightning. Ombrophobia: the fear of rain. Hence option C is the correct choice.**

**17. The person to whom one is engaged**

(a) Byre

(b) Betrothed

(c) Boor

(d) Biped

**S2. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Byre: place where cows are sheltered.**

**Betrothed: the person to whom someone is engaged to be married.**

**Boor: clumsy or ill-bred fellow.**

**Biped: animal having two feet. Hence option B is the correct choice.**

**18. The infirmity of old age**

(a) Surly

(b) Naissance

(c) Ubiety

(d) Caducity

**Ans. (d) Sol. Surly: bad-tempered and unfriendly.**

**Naissance: a new style or development, especially in architecture or the arts.**

**Ubiety: the condition of being in a definite place.**

**Caducity: the infirmity of old age; senility. Hence option D is the correct choice.**

**In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.**

We must remember that we cannot create a draconian state \_\_\_\_\_ order to end corruption. The moral transformation of civil society must be \_\_\_\_\_ and based on persuasive leadership. A \_\_\_\_\_ definition of a sustainable lifestyle must be voluntarily accepted. Only \_\_\_\_\_ will the competitive urge to make more and more money end. Money should become meaningful, moral and deeply \_\_\_\_\_. If true wealth is found in a rich heart, no one will want to touch money even with a barge pole.

**19. Draconian state \_\_\_\_\_ order to end corruption.**

(a) into

(b) so

(c) in

(d) for

**Ans.(c) Sol. 'In order to' is the correct usage.**

**20. Society must be \_\_\_\_\_ and based on persuasive leadership.**

- (a) nature
- (b) natural
- (c) naturally (
- d) naturism

**Ans.(b) Sol. Natural: in accordance with the nature of, or circumstances surrounding, someone or something. Hence option B is correct.**

**21. A \_\_\_\_\_ definition of a sustainable lifestyle must be voluntarily accepted.**

- (a) clearly
- (b) clarity
- (c) clarification
- (d) clear

**Ans.(d) Sol. An adjective is required here. Hence 'clear' which means 'easy to perceive, understand, or interpret' is the correct choice.**

**22. Only \_\_\_\_\_ will the competitive urge to make more and more money end.**

- (a) than
- (b) thus
- (c) so
- (d) then

**Ans.(d) Sol. Only then implies 'only at that time'.**

**23. Money should become meaningful, moral and deeply \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) satisfy
- (b) satisfaction
- (c) to satisfy
- (d) satisfying

**Ans.(d) Sol. Adjective 'satisfying' which means 'giving fulfillment or the pleasure associated with this' is the correct choice.**

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

**24. Duck out**

- (a) to quickly enter a location
- (b) easy thing to do
- (c) to leave in a hurry or secretly
- (d) to announce or reveal something

**Ans.(c) Sol. Option C is the correct meaning**

**25. Red herring**

- (a) something difficult or undesirable which is hidden becomes known and needs to be

managed

- (b) to be in good health again after a period of illness or injury
- (c) something used to divert someone's attention from the real or important issue
- (d) to deliberately make a painful or difficult experience worse

**Ans.(c) Sol. Option C is the correct meaning**

**26. The people of Japan are (wiser than America).**

- (a) wiser than that of America
- (b) wiser than those of America
- (c) wiser to that of America
- (d) No Improvement

**Ans.(b) Sol. First of all, comparison has been made between the people from two countries not between the countries. Hence 'than those of America' is an apt choice as 'those' is used for living beings' Option B is the correct usage**

**Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.**

**27. LESSOR**

- (a) Mentor
- (b) Stupor
- (c) Repertoire
- (d) Proprietor

**Ans.(d) Lessor: A person who leases or lets a property to another; a landlord.**

**Proprietor: the owner of a business, or a holder of property. Hence option D is the correct synonym.**

**28. AVERMENT**

- (a) Expiration
- (b) Collusion
- (c) Claim
- (d) Precondition S16.

**Ans.(c) Sol. Averment: An affirmation or allegation.**

**Claim: an assertion that something is true. Hence option C is the correct synonym.**

**In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the word given.**

**29. BLOVIATE**

- (a) Bluster
- (b) Orate
- (c) Be quiet
- (d) Declaim

**Ans.(c) Sol. Bloviate: to speak or write verbosely and windily. Hence option C is the correct antonym.**

**30. TAPER OFF**

- (a) Neglect
- (b) Enforce
- (c) Protect
- (d) Increase

**Ans.(d) Sol. Taper off: become smaller or less active. Hence option D is the correct antonym.**

**In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.**

- 31. (a) triumph**  
(b) tortore  
(c) tyrant  
(d) thesaurus

**Ans.(b) Sol. Correct Spelling is Torture.**

- 32. (a) psychiatrist**  
(b) proclamation  
(c) legitimacy  
(d) tranquility

**Ans.(b) Sol. Correct Spelling is Proclamation.**

**In the following questions the 1st and the last part of the sentence/passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the sentence/ passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence/passage and find out which of the four combinations is correct.**

- 33. 1.** The factor that beset India's growth is population explosion.  
P. Sometimes religion also has a role to play in this.  
Q. So many factors contribute to the rise in population.  
R. There has been a phenomenal growth in population over the last century.  
S. They are people's ignorance and early marriages.  
**6.** Therefore, if we do not control birth, India's growth in every other facet of life will be offset by the steep increase in population.

- (a) PRQS
- (b) QRSP
- (c) RQSP
- (d) RPQS

**Ans.(c)**

- 34. 1.** The system of Sati prevailed among upper caste Hindus in the 19th century.  
P. However, reformers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, launched powerful anti-Sati campaign.  
Q. Between 1815 and 1818 in Bengal alone, 800 women became Satis.  
R. The British did not take any legal action against this practice.  
S. They feared a backlash from orthodox elements.  
**6.** Lord William Bentinck was responsible for passing a law abolishing Sati.

- (a) PQRS
- (b) QRPS
- (c) QPSR
- (d) RSPQ

Ans. (b)

- 35.** 1. The most vulnerable section of the society is the students.  
P. Revolutionary and new fledged ideas have a great appeal to them.  
Q. Agitations may be non-violent methods of protest.  
R. They cannot resist the charm of persuasion.  
S. They are to be taught that without discipline they cannot get proper education.  
6. However if these become violent, the antisocial elements get encouraged and they put all proper working out of gear.

- (a) PRSQ
- (b) RSQP
- (c) SRQP
- (d) RPQS

Ans. (a)

**In these questions a sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternative suggested below, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.**

**36. Before festivals the shops are thronged with men, women and children making various purchases.**

- (a) During festivals people throng the shops.
- (b) Men, women and children throng the shops before festivals making various purchases.
- (c) Men, women and children make purchases during festivals.
- (d) The shops are thronged by people making purchases.

Ans.(b)

**Sol. The passive voice of simple present is 'verb 1<sup>st</sup> form'**

**37. He was congratulated by his teacher on his brilliant success in the last examination.**

- (a) His teacher congratulated him on his brilliant success in the last examination.
- (b) His teacher congratulated him for his brilliant success in the last examination.
- (c) His teacher congratulated him on his brilliant success at the last examination.
- (d) His teacher congratulated him.

Ans.(a)

**Sol. The passive voice of simple present is 'verb 2nd form'**

**38. It is your duty to make tea at eleven O'clock.**

- (a) You are asked to make tea at eleven O'clock
- (b) You are required to make tea at eleven O'clock.
- (c) You are supposed to make tea at eleven O'clock.



(d) Tea is made by you at eleven O'clock.

Ans.(c)

Sol. The part 'It is duty' suggests a sense of expectation.

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

**39. David said to Anna, "Mona will leave for her native place tomorrow."**

- (a) David told Anna that Mona will leave for her native place tomorrow
- (b) David told Anna that Mona left for her native place the next day
- (c) David told to Anna that Mona would be leaving for her native place tomorrow
- (d) David told Anna that Mona would leave for her native place the next day.

Ans(d)

Ans(d) Sol. For the 'past' verb in the reporting speech, the future indefinite in the reported speech will go one step higher.

**40. Robert said to me, "If I hear any news, I'll phone you."**

- (a) Robert told me that if he heard any new, he will phone me.
- (b) Robert told me that if he will hear any news, he will phone me.
- (c) Robert told me if he had heard any news, he would phone me.
- (d) Robert told me that if he heard any news, he would phone me.

Ans(d)

Sol. For the 'past' verb in the reporting speech, the present indefinite and future indefinite in the reported speech will go one step higher.

**41. My father said to me, "Don't talk to your teacher like that."**

- (a) My father warns me not to talk to my teacher like that.
- (b) My father warned me not to talk to my teacher like that.
- (c) My father warned me not to have talked to my teacher like that.
- (d) My father warns me not to have talked to my teacher like that.

Ans(b)

Sol. when the imperative sentence is in the negative form, the structure is 'not – verb'

**The following question has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits in the context of the sentence.**

**42. Occupational safety and health are important for improved \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .**

- (a) men, women
- (b) boys, girls
- (c) assets, markets
- (d) productivity, growth
- (e) chemicals, drugs

Ans(d)

Sol. In the context of the sentence, the only combination of words that lead to a meaningful sentence is "productivity" and "growth". All other options are incorrect either contextually or grammatically. The sentence wants to convey that healthy workers are able to perform better and hence the safety and health of workers contribute greatly to the overall productivity.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

**43. Rapid urbanisation and rising \_\_\_\_\_ in rainfall patterns make it \_\_\_\_\_ that we transparently manage water resources nationally.**

- (a) variability, imperative
- (b) assurance, necessary
- (c) fluctuations, inefficient
- (d) uncertainty, indifferent
- (e) costs, compulsory

**Ans(a)**

Sol. The word "rainfall" after the first blank indicates that the word describes the state of rainfall patterns. In the context of the sentence, the words which are suitable for the first blank are "variability", "fluctuations" and "uncertainty". Hence options B and E are eliminated.

The second blank tries to convey that it is important to "transparently manage water resources". The only word that makes the sentence meaningfully correct is "imperative" which means 'of vital importance; crucial'. The words "inefficient" and "indifferent" are irrelevant to the context of this sentence. This eliminates options C and D as well.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

**44. The short-term priority is to remove \_\_\_\_\_ clauses in policies and \_\_\_\_\_ coverage to as many people as possible.**

- (a) defamatory, exempt
- (b) discriminatory, expand
- (c) enriching, withheld
- (d) degrading, magnifies
- (e) boring, stop

**Ans(b)**

The sentence refers to removal of clauses that have negative intent. Hence, "defamatory", "discriminatory", and "degrading" would fit in the first blank. Hence, options C and E can be eliminated. The latter part of the sentence goes on to say that after the removal of the aforementioned clauses, the coverage of the policies should be increased. So, the appropriate word here would be "expand", making option B the correct answer. Option D would have been correct if it was "magnify" instead of "magnifies".

Option B is hence the correct answer.

**45. The activities approved for toting up a teacher's \_\_\_\_\_ performance indicator are many, \_\_\_\_\_ beyond teaching and**

- (a) popularity, training
- (b) academic, extending
- (c) cuteness, going

- (d) strength, power
- (e) happiness, great

**Ans(b)**

Option D and E are grammatically incorrect. Options A and C are contextually inappropriate. They present an absurd meaning and hence can be eliminated.

Option B fits in the tone and context of the sentence.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

**46. Problems of exclusion will be eliminated if the payer-insurer is the state, the \_\_\_\_\_ is done through public taxes, and coverage is \_\_\_\_\_ .**

- (a) loading, unreal
- (b) funding, imaginary
- (c) financing, universal
- (d) projection, hazy
- (e) sponsoring, questionable

**Ans(c)**

The first blank refers to what should be done through "public taxes" and hence, "funding" , "financing" or "sponsoring" may fit the first blank. However, "loading" and "projection" do not reflect this meaning. Hence, options A and D can be eliminated.

For the second blank, the appropriate word should be something that fits with the overall theme of eliminating the problem of exclusion. Hence, only "universal" meaning 'widespread or collective' fits the second blank.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

**In this section, you have one short passage. After this passage, you will find several questions based on the passage. First, read Passage, and answer the questions based on it.**

I was lying on a ridge scanning, with field glasses, a rock cliff opposite me for tahr, the most sure footed of all Himalayan goats. On a ledge halfway up the cliff, a tahr and her kid were lying asleep. Then, the tahr got to her feet, stretched herself, and the kid immediately began to feed. After a minute the mother freed herself, took a few steps along the ledge, poised for a moment, then jumped down on to another but a narrower ledge some twelve to fifteen feet below her. As soon as it was left alone the kid started running backward and forwards, stopping every now and then to peer down at its mother, but unable to summon the courage to jump down to her, for below the narrow ledge was a sheer drop of a thousand feet. I was too far away to hear whether the mother was encouraging her young, but from the way her head was turned, I believe she was doing so. The kid was getting more and more agitated and, possibly fearing that it would do something foolish, the mother went to what looked like a mere crack in the vertical rock face and, climbing it, rejoined her young. Immediately on doing so she lay down, presumably to prevent the kid from feeding.

After a while, she got to her feet again, allowed the kid to drink for a minute, poised carefully on the brink, and jumped down while the kid again ran backward and forwards above her. Seven times in the course of the next half-hour this procedure was repeated until finally the kid, abandoning itself to its fate, jumped, and landing safely beside its mother was rewarded by being allowed to drink its fill. The lesson for her young, that it was safe to follow where she led, was over for that day.

**47. Which of the following excerpts from the passage best bears out the description of the tahr as a sure-footed mountain goat?**

- (a) "Seven times in the course of the next half-hour this procedure was repeated."
- (b) "The lesson for her young \_\_\_\_\_ was over for that day."
- (c) "\_\_\_\_\_ the mother went to what looked like a mere crack in the vertical rock face \_\_\_\_\_ rejoined her young."
- (d) "I was too far away to hear whether the mother was encouraging her young \_\_\_\_\_ I believe she was doing so."

**Ans.(a)**

**Sol. "Seven times in the course of the next half-hour this procedure was repeated."**

**48. The mother goat feared that the kid "would do something foolish" like**

- (a) drink more than its share of milk
- (b) throw itself off the cliff
- (c) follow her down the vertical rock face
- (d) continue to pace up and down indefinitely

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol. The mother goat feared that the kid "would do something foolish" like throw itself off the cliff.**

**49. Which of the following phrases can replace "abandoning itself to its fate", used in the second paragraph?**

- (a) Making the most of the situation
- (b) Taking the bull by the horns
- (c) Facing the music
- (d) Accepting consequences

**Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Accepting consequences**

**50. One way in which the kid was encouraged to follow its mother was by**

- (a) not being allowed to have its fill of milk until it had jumped
- (b) running backward and forwards on the ledge before it jumped
- (c) getting very agitated before it jumped
- (d) being rejoined by its mother several times

**Ans.(d)**

**Sol. One way in which the kid was encouraged to follow its mother was by being rejoined by its mother several times.**