

MISCELLANEOUS TEST
ENGLISH

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ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

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

GAUNT

1. plump
2. bent
3. lean
4. old

Correct answer: plump

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

A fresh interest rate cut by the Reserve Bank of India would largely _____ on how the monsoon turns out in the months ahead.

1. define
2. demonstrate
3. depend
4. determine

Correct answer: depend

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

- A. Today flax is used to make fine linen fabric.
- B. The Neolithic man first clad himself with animal skins.
- C. He also used flax which had a good fibre for making cloth.
- D. But in those days cloth made of flax must have been very rough.

1. CADB
2. BDAC
3. DABC
4. BCDA

Correct answer: BCDA

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.

The government has adopted a tough stance with respect of terror and security.

1. with respect to
2. in respect of
3. No improvement
4. about respect to

Correct answer: with respect to

5. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

be an open book

1. one who has written an examination without preparation
2. one who advises others to be frank and unsecretive
3. one who is fond of reading even when travelling
4. one about whom it is easy to know everything

Correct answer: one about whom it is easy to know everything

6. Select the correctly spelt word.

1. tantative
2. remunerative
3. substentive
4. speculetive

Correct answer: remunerative

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

A strong and fast moving stream of water

1. torrent
2. trickle
3. rivulet
4. creek

Correct answer: torrent

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

- A. Baskets and carts flooded the street turning it into a mobile market.
- B. Hearing their cries people with bags started coming out from their houses.
- C. Suddenly the street came alive.
- D. From one end to the other cries of the vendors rent the air.

1. DACB
2. ABDC
3. CADB
4. CBAD

Correct answer: CADB

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

The little boy was so busy playing with his toy train that he do not even look up at us.

1. he do not even
2. busy playing with
3. look up at us
4. his toy train

Correct answer: he do not even

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.

CAMOUFLAGE

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)

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

VIRULENT

1. dangerous
2. powerful
3. lethal
4. amicable

Correct answer: amicable ('Virulent' means dangerous. 'Amicable' means 'friendly'.)

Q22. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

The pilgrims grew increasingly aware of the _____ of sacred Buddhist texts in the Chinese language and decided to travel to India in search of them.

1. persistence

2. paucity
3. preference
4. parity

Correct answer: paucity. Paucity' means lack of something. just because there was lack of Buddhist texts, they roamed around India in search of them.

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

We will use enamel paint on this wall because it gives a best finish.

1. because it gives
2. a best finish
3. enamel paint on this wall
4. We will use

Correct answer: a best finish. There is no sense of comparison in the sentence. So, we have to use 'good' in place of 'best'.

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

Mahesh said to the interviewer, "Sir, I was in charge of the production unit at my previous office."

1. Mahesh told the interviewer I was in charge of the production unit at his previous office.
2. Mahesh told the interviewer that he had been in charge of the production unit at his previous office.
3. Mahesh told the interviewer that Sir was in charge of the production unit at my previous office.
4. Mahesh told the interviewer you were in charge of the production unit at my previous office.

Correct answer: Mahesh told the interviewer that he had been in charge of the production unit at his previous office. The simple past tense will change into past perfect due to the simple past tense in the reporting speech.

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

MINIATURE

1. gigantic
2. colossal
3. mammoth
4. diminutive

Correct answer: diminutive

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. Sairat is one of the latest (a) / in the list of contemporary Marathi movies (b) / which has appeared in recent times. (c) / No error (d)

Correct answer: (c) Add 'have' after 'which'.

27. In spite of (a) / her irritation, she (b) / couldn't help smile. (c) / No error (d)

Correct answer: (c) Replace 'smile' by 'smiling'.

28. The professor informed that (a) / they had all done (b) / very badly. (c) / No error (d)

Correct answer: (c) 'Bad' is used instead of 'Badly'.

29. The two children were (a) / identical except for (b) / the colour for their eyes. (c) / No error (d)

Correct answer: (c) Replace 'for' by 'of'.

30. The company which has won the government (a)/ contract also plans to invest (b)/ with power sector(c)/ No error(d)/

Correct answer: (c) Use 'in' in place of 'with'. ['Invest' is always followed by 'in'. I must invest in this lucrative business.]

Which of the phrases (a), (b) and (c) given below should replace the phrase given in bold in the following sentence to make the sentence grammatically correct. If the sentence is correct as it is and no correction is required mark (d) as the answer.

31. By 2030 India (would) have become the most populous country in the world.

- (a) will
- (b) should
- (c) shall
- (d) No improvement

Correct answer.(a). Replace 'would' with 'will'.

32. Do you know (to whom Raj is going to marry)?

- (a) who is raj going to get married
- (b) who Raj will be going to marry
- (c) whom Raj is going to marry
- (d) No improvement

Correct answer.(c). Replace 'to whom Raj is going to marry' with 'whom Raj is going to marry'.

33. They were angry because they realized that they (have had been cheated).

- (a) had been cheated
- (b) were cheated
- (c) are cheated
- (d) No improvement

Correct answer.(a) Had been cheated

34. One minute they're all sweet (but) caring and the next minute they stab you in the back.

- (a) if
- (b) and
- (c) only
- (d) No improvement

Correct answer.(b) Replace 'but' with 'and'

35. In the housing society where I live there is a nice house (to let out).

- (a) to let
- (b) for letting
- (c) to be let out
- (d) No improvement

Correct answer.(a) Replace 'to let out' with 'to let'

36. Don't step near the cliff's edge, else your life (might be thrown into) great peril.

- (a) will be in
- (b) will face
- (c) would be placed in
- (d) No improvement

Correct answer.(a) Replace 'to let out' with 'to let'

37. You can play video games and paint or (draw) from anywhere.

- (a) be drawing
- (b) can draw
- (c) could draw
- (d) No improvement

Correct answer. (d) No improvement

38. Varun goes (for cinema) every Friday.

- (a) to cinema
- (b) to the cinema

- (c) in cinema
- (d) No improvement

Correct answer. (b) Replace 'for cinema' with 'to the cinema'

39. The teacher said, "It is time that your daughter (has learned) how to write."

- (a) learned
- (b) had learnt
- (c) learnt
- (d) No improvement

Correct answer.(c) Replace 'has learned' with 'learnt'

40. (As soon as I saw) the ferocious dog than I ran away.

- (a) No sooner than I saw
- (b) No sooner has I seen
- (c) No sooner did I see
- (d) No improvement

Correct answer.(c) Replace 'As soon as I saw' with 'No sooner did I see'

In the following questions, change the Statements given in Direct Speech form into Indirect Speech or vice versa, with the help of given four options (A),(B),(C),(D).

41. Deepak said to Mona, "You are punctual".

- (a) Deepak told Mona that she is punctual.
- (b) Deepak told Mona that she was punctual.
- (c) Deepak said to Mona that she was punctual.
- (d) Deepak told that Mona was punctual.

Correct answer.(b). Reporting verb 'said to' in Direct Speech -> Reporting verb 'told' in Indirect Speech and Reported Speech in Present Indefinite Tense in Direct Speech -> Reported Speech in Past Indefinite Tense in Indirect Speech.

42. I said to him, "Let us go out for a walk."

- (a) I proposed to him to go out for a walk.
- (b) I proposed to him that let's go out for a walk.
- (c) I proposed him that we should go out for a walk.
- (d) I proposed to him that we should go out for a walk.

Correct answer.(d). When Reported Speech begins with 'Let' in sense of a suggestion in Direct Speech, then Reporting verb 'said' in Direct Speech → Reporting verb 'proposed'/'suggested' in Indirect Speech. Conversion Rule is Sub + propose/suggest + to + object + that + Sub + should + V₁ (1st form) +

Hence options 'D' fits in the context.

43. He said to Akash, "Don't move".

- (a) He told Akash not to move.
- (b) He told Akash don't move.
- (c) He said to Akash not to move.
- (d) He told Akash to not to move.

Correct answer.(a) This is the case of Negative command of Imperative sentence.

Conversion rule: Sub + asked/told + object + not + to + V₁ (1st form).

Hence option A fits in the context.

44. Ram said to his boss, "Let me go home."

- (a) Ram requested his boss to allow him to go home.
- (b) Ram requested to his boss to allow him to go home.
- (c) Ram requested his boss that he should go home.
- (d) Ram requested his boss to allow him for going home.

Correct answer.(a). When 'Let' is used to allow in Reported Speech of Direct Narration.

Then Conversion Rule is:

Sub + requested/ordered + object + to allow + Sub + to + V₁ + object + ...

45. He said to me, "Don't go out".

- (a) He forbade me to not to go out.
- (b) He forbade me to go out.
- (c) He forbade me not to go out.
- (d) He forbade me to not go out.

Correct answer.(b). Conversion Rule is: Sub + forbade/forbid + object + to + V₁.

Note: 'forbid' will never take negative words 'no', 'not' ahead of it.

Hence option B fits in the context.

In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.

Unease and growing anxiety was _____in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, a day ahead of the Supreme Court hearing on whether a Constitution Bench should go into the question of Article 35A, which _____ the State legislature to define "permanent residents" and provide special rights and privileges to them. A complete shutdown was observed in the Valley on the call of the separatist Joint Resistance Leadership. There _____ very thin traffic on the roads. Most people stayed indoors. However, there were no reports of any violence. The authorities suspended the Amarnath Yatra. All intra-State train services were _____. Extra deployments were made in all _____ areas.

46. Unease and growing anxiety was _____in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday

- (a) intangible
- (b) palpable

- (c) shrouded
- (d) concealed

Correct answer.(b) Palpable: so intense as to seem almost tangible; noticeable.

47. Go into the question of Article 35A, which _____ the State legislature to define "permanent residents"

- (a) evoke
- (b) evokes
- (c) empowers
- (d) entails

Correct answer.(c. Empower: give authority or power to do something.

48. There _____ very thin traffic on the roads. Most people stayed indoors.

- (a) were
- (b) was
- (c) must be
- (d) used to be

Correct answer.(b) 'Traffic' is an uncountable noun which takes 'singular verb' with it. Hence 'was' is the appropriate choice.

49. All intra-State train services were _____.

- (a) strode
- (b) glided
- (c) plunged
- (d) halted

Correct answer.(d)Halt: bring or come to an abrupt stop.

50. Extra deployments were made in all _____ areas.

- (a) volatile
- (b) steady
- (c) abiding
- (d) unknown

Correct answer.(a) Volatile: liable to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse.