

## MISCELLANEOUS TEST ENGLISH

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### ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

Read the passage, carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

The important thing in life is not what you have been but what you are reaching for and becoming. At my age, when I can see the end of the road more clearly than most, I can sit back and recollect in tranquility the varying vicissitudes of my life and what it has taught me. When I look back, I find that the great and glorious hours of my life were those when I gave a helping hand to others without expecting anything in return and not when I struggled and succeeded to gain my own ends. And I can well imagine and appreciate that in this world those alone live who live for others. I have no regrets for the past. Life has been kind to me. My only regret is that I received more from life than I gave.

**1. What stage of life must the author be?**

- (a) Adolescence
- (b) Youth
- (c) Middle age
- (d) Old age

**Ans.(d) "When I can see .... my own ends."**

**2. What feelings does the author harbour about life?**

- (a) Regret
- (b) Gratitude
- (c) Sadness
- (d) Ecstasy

**Ans.(b) "Life has been kind to me"**

**3. What, according to the author, were the most fulfilling moments of his life?**

- (a) When he recollected his life in tranquility
- (b) When he succeeded in gaining his own ends

- (c) When he managed to struggle through the vicissitudes of life
- (d) When he could help others without expecting anything back

**Ans.(d) “glorious hours of my life were those when I gave a helping hand to others without expecting anything in return”**

**4. What, according to the author, is the most important thing in life?**

- (a) The achievements of one’s life
- (b) The struggles one has faced in life
- (c) The thing one is striving for
- (d) The memories one has in life

**Ans.(c) “The important thing in life is not what you have been but what you are reaching for and becom**

**5. What is the tone of the passage?**

- (a) Reflective
- (b) Argumentative
- (c) Opinionated
- (d) Satirical

**Ans.(a) since the author has assumed nostalgic airs and is looking back at things past and commenting on past events, the tone has to be reflective in nature.**

**Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.**

**6. These troubles are a direct consequence of the country’s prolonged domestic recession and (faltering economics recovery).**

- (a) faltering economic’s recovery
- (b) faltering economic recovery
- (c) faltering economical recovery
- (d) No improvement

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol. To qualify the noun ‘recovery’, we need the adjective ‘economic’ not the noun ‘economics’ to place before it.**

**Also we have been provided with two adjectives ‘economic’ & ‘economical’ in options B & C respectively.**

**But ‘economical’ means not using a lot of money, energy, etc. It doesn’t fit in the context.**

**7. He started at the (bottom rung of the ladder) and then gained success.**

- (a) bottom rung of the stair
- (b) lower rung of the ladder
- (c) lower rung of the stair
- (d) No improvement

**Ans.(d)**

**Sol. No improvement**

**8. He said that the (two barrage on rivers) Kosi and Gandaki near the India-Nepal border are operated by Indian authorities.**

- (a) two barrages in rivers
- (b) two barrages on rivers
- (c) two barrages under rivers
- (d) No improvement

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Plural noun 'barrages' will be used after plural count 'two'. And barrages are made 'on' rivers. Hence option B is correct.**

**9. The issue was not resolved, but the discussion (was helped in realizing) the growing distance between the two strands of thought and the strain of this on the information ecology.**

- (a) helped to realize to
- (b) was helped to realize
- (c) helped in realizing
- (d) No improvement

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol. No passive voice is required in the bracketed part. Hence option C is correct that makes the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful.**

**10. Higher crude oil prices have doubtlessly provided a significant fiscal boost in the past several months, although any (flair on) going forward can lead to a price spiral that would have other untoward consequences as well.**

- (a) flair in
- (b) flare at
- (c) flare up
- (d) No improvement

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Flare up: a sudden outburst of something.**

**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).**

**11. 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.

**Ans.(b) Sol. Conversion Rule is: Sub + forbade/forbid + object + to + V<sub>1</sub>. Note: 'forbid' won't take negative words 'no', 'not' with it. Hence option B fits in the context.**

**12. 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.

**Ans.(a) Sol. When 'Let' is used to allow in Reported Speech of Direct Narration. Then Conversion Rule is: Sub + requested/ordered + object + to allow + Sub + to + V<sub>1</sub> + object + .....**

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

**13. People claim to have seen the suspect in several cities.**

- (a) The suspect is being seen in several cities.
- (b) The suspect is claimed to have been seen in several cities.
- (c) The suspect is claimed to be seen in several cities.
- (d) The suspect is claimed to have seen in several cities.

**Ans.(b) Sol. Present Indefinite Tense in Active Voice changes to 'is/am/ are + V<sub>3</sub>' in Passive Voice and Present Perfect Tense in Active Voice 'has /have + V<sub>3</sub>' changes to 'has/ have + been + V<sub>3</sub>' in Passive Voice. Rest conversion rule is same. Hence option B fits in the context.**

**14. She was to sell the watch.**

- (a) The watch to be sold by her.
- (b) The watch was to be sold by her.
- (c) The watch was to sold by her.
- (d) The watch had to be sold by her.

**Ans.(b) Sol. Active Voice: Subject + is/am/are/was/were + to + V<sub>1</sub> (1st form) + object.  
Passive Voice: Object + is/am/are/was/were (according to the object=new subject) + to + be + V<sub>3</sub> (3rd form) + by subject.**

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

**15 . Hand over first**

- (a) To be dexterous

- (b) To do something that prevents an activity from continuing
- (c) To announce your intention of entering a competition
- (d) At a very fast pace

**Ans.(d) Sol. Option D is the correct meaning.**

**16. Make a pitch**

- (a) Pay attention
- (b) Try to persuade people to do something
- (c) Regardless of
- (d) Underline

**Ans.(b) Sol. Option B is the correct meaning.**

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

**17. The boys said, "Hurrah! we have won the match".**

- (a) The boys exclaimed with joy that they won the match.
- (b) The boys exclaimed with joy that they have won the match.
- (c) The boys exclaimed with shock that they had won the match.
- (d) The boys exclaimed with joy that they had won the match.

**Ans.(d). In optative sentences, reporting verb 'said' in direct speech will be written as 'exclaimed with joy' in indirect speech. And Reported speech in Present perfect Tense in Direct Speech → Reported Speech in Past Perfect Tense in Indirect Speech.**

**18. 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) The reported speech contains two forms: simple present in the sub-ordinate clause and simple future in the principal clause which will change into simple past and simple future consecutively due to the past tense in the reporting speech.**

**19. I said to watchman, "Did you buy milk?"**

- (a) I said to watchman that did he buy milk.
- (b) I told to watchman if he had bought milk.
- (c) I asked watchman if he had bought milk.
- (d) I asked watchman if he bought milk.

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

**20. Candidates have \_\_\_\_\_ using malpractices in the examination because they know these can be \_\_\_\_\_ .**

- (a) Resorted to; challenged
- (b) Planned; proved
- (c) started; dangerous
- (d) Stopped; detected

**Ans (a)** Something as expressed through the adjective 'unhealthy'. Hence, option 'a' is the correct choice. The Olympic Games which concluded recently witnessed some athletes taking help of illegal things. Hence, option 'a' is the correct choice.

**21. Crocodile can live effortlessly both \_\_\_\_\_ water and \_\_\_\_\_ land.**

- (a) In; on
- (b) With; over
- (c) Without; the
- (d) Inside; above

**Ans (a)** the sub-ordinate conjunction is used where the cause and effect are in the same direction. Candidates are not using unfair means because they know these can be detected.

**22. Though the programme was \_\_\_\_\_ scheduled for seven days, it was later \_\_\_\_\_ to four days**

- (a) Finally; decided
- (b) originally; curtailed
- (c) Ultimately; made
- (d) Formerly; declared

**Ans (b) originally; curtailed**  
Original schedule of seven days was shortened to four days.

**23. 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**

**24. Select the correctly spelt word.**

1. tantative
2. remunerative

- 3. substantive
- 4. speculetive

**Correct answer: remunerative**

**25. In the question, there are 4 sentences or 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.**

- 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

**Ans. (C) There is an error of comparison in fragment IV. In the sentence underexploited oil reserves of Iraq must be compared to those of Saudi Arabia but 'those of' is missing in the fragment. Option C is hence the correct answer.**