GEORGE SCHOOL OF COMPETITIVE EXAMS

MISCELLANEOUS TEST ENGLISH

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ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

In the following question, the first word is given in capital letters followed by four alternative words. Select from the alternatives the word nearest in meaning to the word given in capital letters.

1. NOMINAL

- a) Formal
- b) Simple
- c) Theoretical
- d) Insignificant

Answer: d)

Explanation: Both 'Nominal' and 'Insignificant' means very small.

In the following question, the first word is given in capital letters followed by four other words, one of which is the antonym of the first word. Find the word.

2. INFUSION

- a) Combination
- b) Separation
- c) Concoction
- d) Injection

Answer: b)

Explanation: Infusion means the introduction of a new element or quality into something and 'Separation' is the exact opposite word.

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

- 3. Instrument used for measuring the force and velocity of winds
- a) Altimeter

- b) Barometer
- c) Audiometer
- d) Anemometer

Answer: d)

Explanation: Anemometer is an instrument for measuring the speed of the wind, or of any current of gas.

- 4. Arrangements of events according to dates or times of occurrence
- a) Ecology
- b) Etymology
- c) Chronology
- d) Cytology

Answer: c)

Explanation: ecology -s tudy of environment

Etymology – study of origin of roots

Cytology – study of cells

Chronology means the arrangement of events or dates in the order of their occurrence.

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

- 5. Private Banks will continue to outshine as they continue to grab share from foreign and state-run banks.
- a) Alien
- b) Unfamiliar
- c) Different
- d) Foreign

Answer: d)

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'foreign' which means belonging or connected to a country that is not your own, fits in the blanks.

- 6. While the report shows an 8 per cent rise in real-term spending per child in the five years up to 2013, it also notes a 14 per cent increase in private in the region in the same period.
- a) Cost
- b) Receipts
- c) Expenditure
- d) Payments

Answer: a)

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Biological' which means

genetically related or related by blood fits, in the blank.

7. In a recent judgment, the apex court upheld the natural right of a woman to bring up her child without any need to mention its father's name if she did not want to.

- a) Biological
- b) Logical
- c) Global
- d) Hereditary

Answer: a)

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Biological' which means genetically related or related by blood fits, in the blank.

In the following passage, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. For each number some words are suggested below the passage, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find the appropriate words.

The rally in Indian bonds that began in July continued __8__ early this month, with __9__ on the 10-year note falling to the __10__ since September 2009, as a revival in monsoon rains, __11__ domestic liquidity and speculation the new RBI chief will be more aggressive in lowering interest rates __12__ demand. Patel's appointment disappointed some __13__ because his role in pushing through the adoption of India's inflation target __14__ him with Rajan, who has resisted pressure to lower borrowing costs __15__.

- 8.a) before
- b) Still
- c) Till
- d) To

Answer: c)

Explanation: The appropriate word should be 'till".

- 9.a) Field
- b) Yield
- c) Shield
- d) Healed

Answer: b)

Explanation: The appropriate word should be 'Yield' which means to produce or provide something positive such as a profit.

- 10.a) Plentiful
- b) Highest
- c) Lowest
- d) Widest

Answer: c)

Explanation: The appropriate word should be 'lowest' which means something below average in amount, extent, or intensity.

- 11.a) Lowering
- b) Declining
- c) Approving
- d) Improving

Answer: d)

Explanation: The appropriate word should be 'Improving'.

- 12.a) Spurred
- b) Discouraged
- c) Checked
- d) Stopped

Answer: a)

Explanation: The appropriate word should be 'spurred' which means to promote the development of or stimulate something.

- 13.a) Brokers
- b) Solicitors
- c) Debtors
- d) Investors

Answer: d)

Explanation: The appropriate word should be 'investors' which means someone who allocates capital with the expectation of a future financial return.

- 14.a) Widens
- b) Divides
- c) Disorganize
- d) Aligns

Answer: d)

Explanation: The appropriate word should be 'aligns' which means to place or arrange things in a straight line.

- 15.a) Above
- b) Below
- c) Further
- d) Behind

Answer: c)

Explanation: The appropriate word should be 'further'.

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.

16. Due to me being a fresher, (a)/ I was unable to (b)/ get hands on the work (c).

Answer: a)

Explanation: Replace 'me' by 'my'.

17. In need of money, (a)/ he sold out his car (b)/ to one of his neighbors (c).

Answer: b)

Explanation: Remove 'out', as it is redundant.

18. Ever since the government (a)/ announced its new plans, (b)/ the private sector had run into heavy weather (c).

Answer: c)

Explanation: Replace 'had' by 'have'.

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.

- 19. I am will be leaving Delhi tonight and I will be back after a month.
- a) To leave for
- b) Leaving for
- c) Might be leaving
- d) May be leaving

Answer: b)

Explanation: The grammatically correct sentence would be "I am leaving for Delhi tonight and I will be back after a month".

- 20. Although she always lived in India, but her ancestors are from Nepal.
- a) Although she is
- b) Because she has
- c) Because she
- d) Although she has

Answer: d)

Explanation: The grammatically correct sentence would be "Although she has always lived in India, but her ancestors are from Nepal".

21. If you <u>had spent</u> all your money, you wouldn't buy this car; but you did spend all your money and now you can buy this car.

- a) you did spent
- b) you didn't spent
- c) you didn't spend
- d) you does spent

Answer: c)

Explanation: The grammatically correct sentence would be "If you had spent all your money, you wouldn't buy this car; but you didn't spend all your money and now you can buy this car".

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.

22. My brother lives in Chennai, so I only get to see him twice in a blue moon.

- a) Twice in a blue moon
- b) Once in a blue night
- c) Thrice in a blue moon
- d) Once in a blue moon

Answer: d)

Explanation: The phrase 'Once in a blue moon' means something that happens very rarely.

23. The company that looked so solid and dependable turned out to be <u>a house of</u> bricks.

- a) A house of dead
- b) A house of people
- c) A house of cards
- d) A house of stones

Answer: c)

Explanation: The phrase 'A house of cards' means an organization or a plan that is very weak and can easily be destroyed.

24. Which of the following spellings is correct?

- a) Vacuum
- b) Vaccum
- c) Vacum
- d) Vaccuum

Answer: a)

Explanation: Option a) is the correct answer.

a) Rythem	
b) Rythm	
c) Rhythm	
d) Rhythem	
Answer: c)	
Explanation:	Option c) is the correct answer.
which part of	ing question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a ree from error, select 'No Error'.
26. My best v	vishes (1)/ are always (2)/ with you. (3)/ No error (4)
1) 1	
2) 2	
3) 3	
4) 4	
Answer: 4	
which part of	owing question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a ree from error, select 'No Error'.
-	were visited by the director of Austrian Culture Forum, (1)/ based on ether we all wanted (2)/ to initiate an art festival in South India. (3)/ No
1) 1	
2) 2	
3) 3	
4) 4	
Answer: 2.	
Explanation:	Use 'together' after 'wanted'.
appropriate v	owing question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an vord. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by appropriate option.
Ramesh	_ into his own trap.
1) falling	
2) was fell	
3) fell	

4) fall down

Answer: fell

Explanation: 'Fell' Is the Past of 'fall'

29. In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

India is the second most populous country _____ the seventh largest country by area in the world.

- 1) but
- 2) however
- 3) and
- 4) while

Answer: and

Explanation: two similar facts are joined by 'and'.

30. In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Lucrative

- 1) Impoverished
- 2) Worthwhile
- 3) Useless
- 4) Inconsiderable

Answer: Worthwhile

Explanation: impoverished – very poor

Worthwhile – important Useless – unimportant

Inconsiderable - something beyond consideration.

31. In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Actuate

- 1) True
- 2) Move
- 3) Select
- 4) Kill

Answer: Move

32. In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the one which is opposite in meaning of the given word.

Jubilant

- 1) Happy
- 2) Excited
- 3) Celebrating
- 4) Sorrowful

Answer: Sorrowful

33. In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the one which is opposite in meaning of the given word.

Courtly

- 1) Formal
- 2) Elegant
- 3) Conventional
- 4) Rough

Answer: Rough

Explanation: formal, 'elegant' and 'conventional' have a positive meaning.

34. Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.

The government should

P: provide health insurance

Q: to buy their own

R: for those unable

- 1) PQR
- 2) RPO
- 3) QRP
- 4) PRQ

Answer: PRQ

35. A sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.

Someone has invited me to the cruise.

- 1) Someone has sent invitation to the cruise.
- 2) I had been invited to the cruise.
- 3) I have been invited to the cruise.

4) I was invite to the cruise by somebody. Answer: I have been invited to the cruise. Explanation: present perfect (has / have - v3) changes into (has/ have - been - v3) 36. A sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect Speech. Out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct Speech. Rohan said, "I am going" 1) Rohan had said he is gone. 2) Rohan is going. 3) Rohan said that he is gone. 4) Rohan said that he was going. Answer: Rohan said that he was going. Explanation: present continuous becomes past continuous under the effect of simple past in the reporting speech. 37. In the following question, a word has been written in four different ways out of which only one is correctly spelt. Select the correctly spelt word. 1) Fluorescent 2) Floresecent 3) Floroscent 4) Flowrascent Answer: Fluorescent Direction 13 to 17: 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. If we can permit ourselves to _____ movement fully, we permit ourselves to perceive, think _____ reflect. We allow ourselves the privilege of reimagining dance, music, and the way you and I talk, or think, or love. We move _____ an incredible space of _____, primarily in thought, but perhaps more restrictively in defining _____, or maybe even doing away with it. 38. - ourselves to _____ movement fully 1) understood 2) understandable 3) understandably

Answer: understand

4) understand

39. perceive, think reflect.
1) but 2) nor 3) and 4) so
Answer: and
40. We move an incredible
1) of 2) so 3) into 4) for
Answer: into
41 - space of, primarily in thought,
1) liberty 2) liberation 3) liberties 4) liberal
Answer: liberty
42 - defining, or maybe even doing
1) beautifully2) beauty3) beautiful4) beautify
Answer: beauty
43 - In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.
Be in force
 To enjoy a short period of fame or power. In great strength or numbers. A hateful act done in a haste. Be the current winner.

Answer: In great strength or numbers.

44 - In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Make a scene

- 1) To perform beautifully in front of an audience.
- 2) Make a public disturbance or excited emotional display.
- 3) To narrate an elaborate false story.
- 4) Describe a scene in so much detail that it comes vivid.

Answer: Make a public disturbance or excited emotional display.

45 - In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence

Extremely happy, peaceful, or picturesque

- 1) Idyllic
- 2) Abominable
- 3) hiatus
- 4) Amiss

Answer: Idyllic

Explanation: bominble - hteful

Hiatus – gap Amiss – disarray

46 - In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence.

Showing a lack of courage or confidence

- 1) Tenacious
- 2) Indomitable
- 3) Timid
- 4) Gutsy

Answer: Timid

Explanation: tenacious - vigorous

Indomitable -someone who can not be dominated

Gutsy - brave

47 - In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which will improve the bracketed part of the sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select "no improvement".

The trick is in (keep) the flavours simple and fresh.

- 1) keeping
- 2) keeps
- 3) to keep
- 4) no improvement

Answer: keeping

Explanation: present continuous takes 'verb + ing' after the auxiliary verb.

48. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which will improve the bracketed part of the sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select "no improvement".

Yes, amazing things (has happen) with the launch of the internet.

- 1) is happening
- 2) had happen
- 3) have happened
- 4) no improvement

Answer: have happened

Explanation: present perfect takes 'verb3' after 'has/ have'.

49 - The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

I learnt he had

A-spoke about yoga, slums, and Indian B-never been to India, yet he C-cinema with conviction

- 1) ACB
- 2) BAC
- 3) ABC
- 4) CBA

Answer: BAC

- 50. In the following question, four words are given out of which one word is correctly spelt. Select the correctly spelt word.
- 1) coniferous
- 2) coniferos
- 3) coniferrous
- 4) coniferros

