

MISCELLANEOUS TEST
ENGLISH

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ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

1. Identify the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment. If no substitution is required, select No substitution.

I was astonished on the ignorance in the villagers.

1. No substitution
2. at the ignorance of
3. over the ignorance between
4. on the ignorance by

Answer: at the ignorance of

2. Select the most appropriate passive form of the given sentence.

The surgeon successfully operated upon the patient.

1. The surgeon has been successfully operated upon by the patient.
2. The patient was successfully operated upon by the surgeon.
3. The patient is being successfully operated upon by the surgeon.
4. The patient is successfully operated upon by the surgeon.

Answer: The patient was successfully operated upon by the surgeon.

3. Select the most appropriate word for the group of words.

An official pardon

1. amnesty
2. Amnesia
3. Redemption
4. regicide

Answer: amnesty

4. Select the wrongly spelt word.

1. extension
2. eligible
3. explanation
4. extract

Answer: explanation (explanation)

5. Identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

Lack of formal education did not prevent Lincoln to become a great leader.

1. a great leader
2. did not prevent
3. to become

4. Lack of

Answer: to become (From becoming)

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

INTREPID

1. invisible

2. Cowardly

3. Gallant

4. insecure

Answer: gallant

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

One who walks on foot

1. pediatrician

2. Pedestrian

3. Protagonist

4. Pauper

Answer: pedestrian

8. Identify the segment which contains the grammatical error

Pleasure cannot derive from giving pain to innocent people.

1. innocent people

2. from giving

3. Pleasure cannot derive

4. pain to

Answer: Pleasure cannot derive (cannot be derived)

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

RESOLUTE

1. determined

2. unsure

3. hesitant

4. uncertain

Answer: determined

Comprehension: 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.

As the rains receded I got a strange job. Our neighbour, a (1) _____ merchant decided to become a politician. But he was (2) _____ so he wanted me to (3) _____ him everywhere he went and read and write (4) _____ him. For my work I was to be paid decent (5) _____.

10. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1

1. populous

2. affluent

3. prosperous

4. ambitious

Answer: prosperous

11. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2

1. illegible
2. illegitimate
3. illiterate
4. illogical

Answer: illiterate

12. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3

1. coincide
2. accompany
3. coexist
4. attend

Answer: accompany

13. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4

1. through
2. from
3. on
4. for

Answer: for

14. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5

1. bonus
2. wages
3. reward
4. prize

Answer: wages

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

FLEXIBLE

1. variable
2. stiff
3. elastic
4. pliant

Answer: stiff

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

- A. But when their short racing careers are over, greyhounds are adopted as household pets.
- B. Greyhound racing is a popular spectator sport in the United States.
- C. They worry that the greyhounds would need a large space to run to get sufficient exercise.
- D. Unfortunately, many people hesitate to adopt a retired racing greyhound as a pet.

1. BDAC
2. DACB
3. DBCA
4. BADC

Answer: BADC

17. Select the correctly spelt word.

1. opportunity
2. opportunity
3. opportunity
4. opportunity

Answer: opportunity

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

As the crow flies

1. to be directionless
2. the shortest route
3. to be uncertain
4. a long winding path

Answer: the shortest route

19. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word.

All organizations seek sincere and _____ employees.

1. industrious
2. inactive
3. inert

4. industrial

Answer: industrious

20. Identify the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment. If no substitution is required, select No substitution.

No sooner was his name called out when he was gone onto the stage to receive the award.

1. and he was going
2. than he went
3. but he went
4. No substitution

Answer: than he went

21. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word.

I had _____ pain in the stomach after taking lunch.

1. huge
2. heavy
3. acute
4. strict

Answer: acute

22. Select the most appropriate indirect form of the given sentence.

Father said to his daughter, "I will attend your convocation tomorrow."

1. Father told his daughter that he would attend her convocation the next

day.

2. Father told his daughter I will attend her convocation tomorrow.
3. Father told his daughter that he will attend her convocation tomorrow.
4. Father told his daughter that he will be attending her convocation the next day.

Answer: Father told his daughter that he would attend her convocation the next day.

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

ASCENT

1. crescent
2. descent
3. recent
4. nascent

Answer: descent

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

- A. Little did she know that I was out of job once again.
- B. But all the money soon vanished into the bottomless pit of household needs.
- C. I returned home with my pockets full of my earnings.
- D. However, my grandmother was happy that I had become responsible.

1. CDAB
2. BCDA
3. DBAC

4. CBDA

Answer: CBDA

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

Pass the hat

1. to avoid work
2. to play a game
3. to collect money
4. to sell something

Answer: to collect money

In the following question, 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) In June 17, an anodyne footnote to the Bank of Baroda's (BoB) quarter results mentioned a (1)/ fine levied by the South African Reserve Bank (SARB), (2)/ headquartered in Pretoria. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 1. Replace 'quarter results' with 'quarterly results'. 'Quarter' is a noun and 'quarterly' is adjective/ adverb. The noun 'results' should be preceded by adjective 'quarterly'.

27) No sooner did I come out of my home to go to market (1)/ when it started raining heavily (2)/ which drenched me completely. (3)/ No Error (4).(SSC CGL, 2017)

- 1) 1

- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 2. 'no sooner' is followed by 'than'. If the second event occurs immediately after the first, we can express that idea using the structure no sooner ... than. / hardly or scarcely...when./ As soon as , Here in the part (2) 'when' should be replaced with than.

28) Five summons have been (1)/ issued by the district court (2)/ but he has not turned up yet. (3)/ No Error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 1. Summons is a noun while summon is a verb.
Summons (n) – A notice summoning someone to appear in court.
singular – summons , plural- summonses .
Ans: Use plural form summonses instead of summons.

29) Acceptance is not about allowing everything to occur or to go on, (1)/ it is neither related to passivity and weakness, (2)/ nor is it about confirmation or mediocrity. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 3. Replace 'is it' with 'it is' as the given sentence is not a question .

30) She was (1)/ quite amusing (2)/ at that story. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans:2. Replace 'amusing' with 'amused'. Amused at/by something- thinking that someone or something is interesting, so that you smile or laugh.

Example- We were amused at her jokes.

31) She picked (1)/ on the (2)/ trail soon after. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 2. Replace 'on' with 'up'.

Pick on- to harass or bother. **Pick up-** to grasp something (as with one's hands).

32) She has (1)/ reduced her (2)/ consumption to considerably. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 3. Preposition 'to' is superfluous in the part (3).

33) Internet Service Providers (ISPs) should provide us (1)/ with open networks and should not block or discriminate for (2)/ any application or content that rides over those networks. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 2. Replace 'for' with 'against' Discriminate against something

34) Liquid water cannot exist on the surface of Mars as to low (1)/ atmospheric pressure, which is less than 1% of Earth's, (2)/ except at the lowest elevations for short periods. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 1. Replace 'as to' with 'due to'. "As to" – about, regarding, concerning. "Due to" – because of something. Example- The Company's financial losses were due to weak management.

35) It was (1)/ difficult decided (2)/ about break up. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 2. "difficult" should be followed by infinitive with 'to'. Replace 'decided' with 'to decide'

36) This year, we were visited by the director of Austrian Culture Forum, (1)/ based on Delhi and together we all wanted (2)/ to initiate an art festival in South India. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 2. Replace 'on' with 'in'

37) I seen (1)/ that it (2)/ is getting dark. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 1. Replace 'seen' with 'see' (present indefinite tense)

38) The long-term capital gains on listed securities (1)/ and the dividend

tax on equity mutual funds are the right steps (2)/ to generate resources required for drive demand in rural India. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 3. Replace “for drive” with “for driving/to drive”. Generally preposition should be followed by V4 form and when ‘to’ is the part of infinitive, it should be followed by the base form of the main verb.

39) The first and decisive step (1)/ in the expansion of Europe overseas (2)/ was the conquest of Atlantic Ocean. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 3. Use definite article ‘the’ before the name of ocean (the Atlantic Ocean)

40) The word ‘Macabre’ had been gained its significance from its (1)/ use in French as ladanse macabre for the allegorical (2)/ representation of the universal power of death. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Ans: 1. Replace ‘had been gained’ with ‘has gained’, as the given sentence is in active voice. Active voice structure: “has + V3” or “has+ been + V-ing”. Passive voice structure: “has + been + V3”.

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) She said to me, "while I was dancing, he was singing".

- a) She told me that while she had been singing, he had been dancing.
- b) She told me that while she was singing, he was dancing.
- c) She told me that while song was being sung by him while she was dancing.
- d) None of these

Ans: b is the right answer. Past continuous does not change when it is used in time clause.

42) Sara said to me, "when I met him, he was eating".

- a) Sara told me that when she had met him he was eating.
- b) Sara told me that when she had met him he had been eating.
- c) Sara told me that when she met him he was eating.
- d) None of these

Ans: c. – Past indefinite doesn't change when it is used in time clause.

43) Suhana said, "I cooked biryani and he prepared boondi raita".

- a) Suhana said that she had cooked biryani and he had prepared boondi raita.
- b) Suhana said that she cooked biryani and he prepared boondi raita.
- c) Suhana said that she cooked biryani and boondi raita was prepared by him.
- d) None of these

Ans: b – Past indefinite doesn't change when it expresses two simultaneous actions.

44) She said, "Netaji was born in Kolkata".

- a) she told that Netaji was born in Kolkata.
- b) she said that Netaji was born in Kolkata.
- c) she said that Netaji had been born in Kolkata.
- d) None of these

Ans: b – Past indefinite doesn't change when it expresses historical past. Say/said without object remains unchanged in the indirect speech.

45) The mother said , "what will I do with so much money, My son!"

- a) The mother asked her son what she would do with so much money.
- b) The mother asked her son what she should do with so much money.
- c) The mother told her son what she would do with so much money.
- d) None of these

Ans: b – 'will' changes into 'should' when the speaker seeks advice or request.

46) She said , "need I write a letter?"

- a) She asked if she needed to write a letter.
- b) She asked if she needed write a letter.
- c) She asked if she had to write a letter.
- c) None of these

Ans: c. 'Need' in the reported speech changes into appropriate modals /verb to fit with the context.

47) He said , "If I am selected , I needn't study further."

- a) He said that If he is selected , he will not have to study further.
- b) He said that If he was selected , he will not have to study further.
- C) He said that If he was selected , he would not have to study further
- d) He said that If he was selected , he should not have to study further

Ans: (c) is the most appropriate option here. Hence, we will go with (c)

48) Sneha said to me, "When I was a student I couldn't go out alone."

- a) Sneha told me that when she was a student she couldn't have gone out alone.
- b) Sneha told me that when she had been a student she couldn't have gone out alone.
- c) Sneha told me that when she was a student she was not allowed to go out alone.
- d) Sneha told me that when she was a student she must not have gone

out alone.

Ans: c -Generally 'can' is changed into 'could', 'could' doesn't change but it is changed in case of permission.

49) Suhana said, "I must leave at once " .

- a) Suhana told that she must leave at once.
- b) Suhana said that she must leave at once.
- c) Suhana said that she had to leave at once.
- d) Suhana said that she must have to leave at once.

Ans: c- 'Must' normally does not change when it refers to duty or laws of nature.

50) Ranveer said to Deepika , "You must obey your parents " .

- a) Ranveer told deepika that she must obey her parents.
- b) Ranveer told deepika that she has to obey her parents.
- c) Ranveer told deepika that she better obey her parents.
- d) None of these

Ans: a. It refers to a duty so 'must' will not change.