

MISCELLANEOUS TEST
ENGLISH

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ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

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

1. The online shopping site lowered the prices.

- (a) Lowering of the price was done by the online shopping site.
- (b) The prices were lowered by the online shopping site.
- (c) The prices had been lowered by the online shopping site.
- (d) The prices have been lowered by the online shopping site.

Ans.(b)Passive Voice 'The prices were lowered by the online shopping site.'

2. My daughter wrote a beautiful poem.

- (a) A beautiful poem was written by my daughter.
- (b) A beautiful poem has been written by my daughter.
- (c) A beautiful poem had been written by my daughter.
- (d) A poem which was beautiful had been written by my daughter.

Ans.(a)Passive Voice 'A beautiful poem was written by my daughter.'

3. My sister will bake a dozen cakes for the fair.

- (a) For the fair, a dozen cakes would be baked by my sister.
- (b) For the fair, a dozen cakes would have been baked by my sister.
- (c) For the fair, a dozen cakes will be baked by my sister.
- (d) For the fair, a dozen cakes will have been baked by my sister.

Ans.(c)Passive Voice 'For the fair, a dozen cakes will be baked by my sister.'

4. The manager's bank account has been hacked.

- (a) They have hacked the manager's bank account.
- (b) Hacking has been done to the manager's bank account.
- (c) Bank's account hacking has been done of the manager.
- (d) Someone has hacked the manager's bank account.

Ans.(d)Passive Voice 'Someone has hacked the manager's bank account.'

5. Sunny was driving the car so fast that it slipped at the turn.

- (a) Sunny slipped at the turn as he was driving the car so fast.
- (b) So fast was Sunny driving the car that it slipped at the turn.
- (c) The car was being driven by Sunny so fast that it slipped at the turn.
- (d) The car slipped at the turn as Sunny was driving it so fast.

Ans.(c)Passive Voice 'The car was being driven by Sunny so fast that it slipped at the turn.'

6. The payment was collected by the hardworking salesman.

- (a) The hardworking salesman collected the payment.
- (b) The salesman who worked hard was able to collect the payment.
- (c) To collect the payment the salesman had to work hard.
- (d) The hardworking salesman was able to collect the payment.

Ans.(a)Passive Voice 'The hardworking salesman collected the payment.'

7. The storm destroyed several huts in the village.

- (a) The storm in the village had destroyed several huts.
- (b) Several huts in the village have been destroyed by the storm.
- (c) The storm was destructive for the several huts in the village.
- (d) Several huts in the village were destroyed by the storm.

Ans.(d)Passive Voice 'Several huts in the village were destroyed by the storm.'

8. The seawater eventually corroded the pillars of the bridge.

- (a) Eventually the pillars of the bridge are being corroded by the seawater.
- (b) Eventually the pillars of the bridge have been corroded by the seawater.
- (c) The pillars of the bridge were eventually corroded by the seawater.
- (d) The pillars of the bridge have been eventually corroded by the seawater.

Ans.(c)Passive Voice 'The pillars of the bridge were eventually corroded by the seawater.'

9. Some farmers raise sugarcane in Kerala.

- (a) Sugarcane is raised by some farmers in Kerala.
- (b) Sugarcane was raised by some farmers in Kerala.
- (c) Sugarcane was being raised by some farmers in Kerala.
- (d) Sugarcane has been raised by some farmers in Kerala.

Ans.(a)Passive Voice 'Sugarcane is raised by some farmers in Kerala.'

10. The professor always answers my questions.

- (a) My questions were always answered by the professor.
- (b) My questions are always answered by the professor.
- (c) My questions were always being answered by the professor.
- (d) My questions had always been answered by the professor.

Ans.(b)Passive Voice 'My questions are always answered by the professor.'

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

11. The coach said, "Bravo! Puneet, you have done well."

- (a) The coach applauded Puneet saying that he had done well.
- (b) The coach said to Puneet Bravo, he had done well.
- (c) The coach congratulated Puneet, saying he did well.
- (d) The coach said to Puneet, that he did well

Ans.(a)Indirect Narration: 'The coach applauded Puneet saying that he had done well.'

12. Rupa said to the driver, "Can you take me to the doctor now?"

- (a) Rupa asked the driver if he could take her to the doctor then.
- (b) Rupa asked the driver that if he could take her to the doctor than.
- (c) Rupa asked the driver that if he would take her to the doctor at once.
- (d) Rupa asked the driver that if he can take her to the doctor than at once.

Ans.(a)Indirect Narration 'Rupa asked the driver if he could take her to the doctor then.'

13. I said to her, "I will do it now or never".

- (a) I informed her that I would do it that moment or never.
- (b) I told her I will do it then or never.
- (c) I told her that I would not do it then or ever.
- (d) I told her that I would do it then or never.

Ans.(d)Indirect Narration 'I told her that I would do it then or never.'

14. They said, "We are starting now."

- (a) They said that we were starting then.
- (b) They said that they were starting now.
- (c) They said that they would be starting now.
- (d) They said that they were starting then.

Ans.(d)Indirect Narration 'They said that they were starting then.'

In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the given word and click the button corresponding to it.

15. Perusal

- (a) inspection
- (b) delinquency
- (c) inconsideration
- (d) laxity

Ans.(a)perusal → inspection

16. Panorama

- (a) puny
- (b) wee

- (c) diminutive
- (d) spectacle

Ans.(d)panorama → spectacle

17. Bedevilment

- (a) delight
- (b) beset
- (c) facilitate
- (d) contentment

Ans.(b)bedevilment → beset

18. Stumpy

- (a) rangy
- (b) pudgy
- (c) lanky
- (d) lofty

Ans.(b)stumpy → pudgy

In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word and click the button corresponding to it.

19. Intestate

- (a) Testate
- (b) Propinquity
- (c) Bankrupt
- (d) To be on leave

Ans.(a)Intestate: not having made a will before one dies.

Testate: having made a valid will before one dies.

20. Tarry

- (a) Disturb
- (b) Decamp
- (c) Polish
- (d) Sullen

Ans.(b)Tarry: to stay somewhere for longer than expected and delay leaving

Decamp: leave a place suddenly or secretly.

21. Hock

- (a) Pledge
- (b) Amortize
- (c) Repent
- (d) Pawn

Ans.(b)Hock: to sell something that you hope to buy back later because you need money now; in debt

Amortize: reduce or pay off (a debt) with regular payments.

22. Mayhem

- (a) Havoc
- (b) Harmony
- (c) Defeat
- (d) Regret

Ans.(b)Mayhem: violent or extreme disorder; chaos. Being opposite in meaning both Mayhem and Harmony are antonyms to each other.

There are four different words out of which one is correctly spelled. Find the correctly spelled word.

23.

- (a) Pavvilion
- (b) Pavellion
- (c) Pavillion
- (d) Pavilion

Ans.(d)

24.

- (a) Inoculate
- (b) Innocullate
- (c) Innoculate
- (d) Inocullate

Ans.(a)

25.

- (a) Chauffeur
- (b) Chauffeure
- (c) Chaeuffer
- (d) Chauffeur

Ans.(a)

In the following question, a part of sentence is bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is required, choose "No Improvement" option.

26. She was unhappy even after she married into an accommodative and caring family.

- (a) remained unhappy
- (b) existed in unhappiness
- (c) continued her sadness
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(a)Remain → to stay in the same place or in the same condition. Hence, remained unhappy should be used here.

27. I was first to reach the college today.

- (a) I was the first to reach
- (b) I firstly reached
- (c) I did firstly reached
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(a)Definite article 'the' comes before an ordinal number. Hence option 'a' is correct.

28. The cities are bursting on the seams with people.

- (a) bursting on seams
- (b) bursting at seams
- (c) bursting at the seams
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(c)Bursting at the seams → If a place is bursting at the seams, it has a very large number of people or things in it.

29. Let his failure be a lesson to you all.

- (a) to all of you
- (b) to all you people
- (c) to all you
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(a)Here, to all of you should be used.

30. 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)No improvement

31. The rain brought more respite from the heat.

- (a) much respite
- (b) most relief
- (c) severe drought
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(a)Comparative degree is not needed here.

Respite → a short period of relief from something difficult or unpleasant.

32. She decided to go there, though her husband cautioned her on it

- (a) against
- (b) for
- (c) about
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(a)'Caution' agrees with preposition 'against'.

33. We insist on you leaving the meeting immediately.

- (a) you to leave
- (b) your leaving
- (c) you leave
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(b)Before a gerund, possessive case i.e. 'your leaving' should be used.

34. However, great you may be, you cannot trifle on a man's feelings.

- (a) trifle along
- (b) trifle upon
- (c) trifle with
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(c)Trifle with somebody to treat without due respect.
Hence, 'trifle with' is the right usage.

35. In order to get into the gang, the boy had to perform the sanguine task of stabbing a man to death.

- (a) capital
- (b) sanguinary
- (c) akin
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(b)Sanguinary – Involving or causing much bloodshed.

36. Being the only girl in the team, Reema is cuddle by everyone.

- (a) mollycoddled
- (b) mollified
- (c) dispelled
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(a)Mollycoddle: Treat (someone) in an indulgent or over protective way.

37. The majority of the rain-fed Indian rivers, either dry up, or become trickle after the monsoon.

- (a) the trickle
- (b) a trickle
- (c) a drizzle
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(b)Trickle: a small amount of liquid flowing slowly; a small amount of something coming or going. Hence 'a trickle' is the right usage.

38. The tribe lived with different customs.

- (a) on
- (b) by
- (c) through
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(b)live by: to follow a particular belief or set of principles. Hence 'lived by' is the right usage.

39. Despite his father's financial assistance he was always hard on

- (a) hard in
- (b) hard up
- (c) hard out
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(b)hard up – to not have enough of something important or valuable.

Hard on: to treat or criticize somebody.

Hence, 'hard up' is the right usage.

40. When in doubt check it up with a good dictionary.

- (a) check it up in
- (b) check it in
- (c) check it with
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(b)Here 'check it in' is the right usage.

Out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence in the question.

41. A small valley

- (a) Seethe
- (b) Dell
- (c) Hite
- (d) Blanch

Ans.(b)

42. A person without a home, job or property.

- (a) Derelict
- (b) Hoary
- (c) Coy
- (d) Prattle

Ans.(a)

43. Excessive publicity.

- (a) Pinion
- (b) Hype
- (c) Maraud
- (d) Subaltern

Ans.(b)

44. To take someone somewhere suddenly and quickly.

- (a) Rush
- (b) Whisk
- (c) Fly
- (d) Flit

Ans.(b)

45. A flat waste land

- (a) Welt
- (b) Pert
- (c) Heath
- (d) Aria

Ans.(c)

46. Seat on elephant's back

- (a) Howdah
- (b) Dote
- (c) Endue
- (d) Hurtle

Ans.(a)

47. A person who hates new things.

- (a) Alcove
- (b) Misoneist
- (c) Whet
- (d) Lancet

Ans.(b)

48. Customs and habits of a particular group.

- (a) Mores
- (b) Frieze
- (c) Fallow
- (d) Passe

Ans.(a)

49. Loop of rope.

- (a) Repine
- (b) Rankle
- (c) Noose
- (d) Flay

Ans.(c)

50. A branch of medical science that deal with nose and its disease.

- (a) Phrenology
- (b) Cheiloscopy
- (c) Osteoarthritis
- (d) Pulmonology

Ans.(a)