

MISCELLANEOUS TEST
ENGLISH

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ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

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'.

1. She is confident (A) / to win the gold medal (B) / this time (C) / No error (D)

(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D S1.

Ans.(b) Sol. Preposition 'of' is used with confident. Hence replace 'to win' by 'of winning'.

2. The G.M of the company (a) / dispensed the (b) / Manager's services (c) / No error (d)

(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D S2.

Ans.(b) Sol. 'Dispense with something/somebody (idiom): to stop using something/somebody.

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

3. We cannot trust a man who plays (false and loose) with others.

- (a) false or loose
- (b) fast or loose
- (c) fast and loose
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(c) Sol. 'Play fast and loose' is an idiom which means to act recklessly, irresponsibly, or thoughtlessly toward someone or something. Hence option C is correct.

4. Young children are not physically capable (to carry these loads).

- (a) have to carry these loads
- (b) of carrying these loads
- (c) carry these loads
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(b) Sol. 'Capable' is characterized with the preposition 'of'. And verbs after preposition are used in gerund form i.e. V1 + ing. Hence option B is the correct choice.

In the following questions, 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.

Q5. He _____ to the problem of air pollution in his speech.

- (a) averted
- (b) adverted
- (c) exclaimed
- (d) mentioned

Ans.(b) Sol. Avert: turn away (one's eyes or thoughts).
Advert: refer to in speaking or writing. Hence option B is the correct choice.

6. Don't loiter _____ the corridor.

- (a) around
- (b) off
- (c) of
- (d) at

Ans.(a) Sol. Loiter around: to linger aimlessly.

Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

7. TARRY

- (a) Stampede
- (b) Scud
- (c) Trail
- (d) Hasten

Ans.(c) Sol. Tarry (verb): to delay or be tardy in acting or doing.
Trail (verb): walk or move slowly or wearily. Hence Tarry and Trail are synonyms to each other.

8. ZAP

- (a) Bear
- (b) Create
- (c) Begin
- (d) Destroy

Ans.(d) Sol. Zap (verb): destroy or obliterate. Hence Zap and Destroy are synonyms to each other.

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.

9. BLOVIATE

- (a) Bluster
- (b) Orate
- (c) Be quiet
- (d) Declaim

Ans.(c) Sol. Bloviate (verb): talk at length, especially in an inflated or empty way. Hence Bloviate and Be quiet are antonyms to each other.

10. AMBLE

- (a) Saunter
- (b) Dash
- (c) Dawdle
- (d) Bimble

Ans.(b) Sol. Amble (verb): walk or move at a slow, relaxed pace.

Saunter (verb): walk in a slow, relaxed manner.

Dash (verb): run or travel somewhere in a great hurry.

Bimble (verb): walk or travel at a leisurely pace. Hence Amble and Dash are antonyms to each other.

In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

- 11. (a) Corrugated**
- (b) Conceivable**
- (c) Cretaceous**
- (d) Colegiate**

11. Ans.(d) Sol. Correct Spelling is Collegiate.

- Q12. (a) Instantiation**
- (b) Intuitive**

- (c) Inferrable
- (d) Infinitesimal

Ans.(c) Sol. Correct Spelling is Inferable.

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.

13. P: It has been the handmaid of the ruling class.

Q: Therefore, ever since the dawn of civilization, persons in power have always tried to supervise or control education.

R: Education is an instrument which imparts knowledge and therefore, indirectly controls power.

S: It is an old saying that knowledge is power.

- (a) SQPR
- (b) PRQS
- (c) SRQP
- (d) PSQR

13. Ans.(c)

14.P: This is despite the fact that there is a rampant migration of rural families to urban centres.

Q: Generally the gains of being a unit of the urban population are less than the disadvantages and risks that are inbuilt in the urban life.

R: Rural population still dominates the urban population as far as the number is considered.

S: India is a country of villages.

- (a) QRSP
- (b) RPQS
- (c) SRQP
- (d) QPRS

14. Ans.(c)

Q15. P: And if I think about something which didn't happen I start thinking about all the other things which didn't happen.

Q: But there is only ever one thing which happened at a particular time and a particular place.

R: And there are an infinite number of things which didn't happen at that time and that place.

S: A lie is when you say something happened which didn't happen.

- (a) QSRP
- (b) SQPR

- (c) SRQP
- (d) SQRP

Ans.(d)

In these questions some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and indicate it corresponding to the appropriate letters. If there is no error, indicate corresponding to the last option.

16. During his tour to the north he visited not only to Delhi but also Agra.

- (a) During his tour
- (b) to the north he visited
- (c) not only to Delhi but also Agra.
- (d) None of these

Ans.(c) Sol. Remove 'to' when 'visit' is used as a verb, then it takes a direct object after it.

17. The smuggler yielded for the temptation and fell into the police trap from which escape was impossible.

- (a) The smuggler yielded
- (b) for the temptation
- (c) and fell into the police trap from which escape was impossible.
- (d) No error

Ans.(b) Sol. Use 'to' in place of 'for'. As yield to somebody/ something is the right usage.

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

18. Even after being sentenced to life in prison, the (impenitent) man was not sorry for his crimes.

- (a) compunctious
- (b) contrite
- (c) insular
- (d) No Improvement

Ans.(d) Sol. Impenitent (adjective): not feeling shame or regret about one's actions or attitudes.

Compunctious (adjective): Feeling or expressing regret for one's sins or misdeeds.

Contrite (adjective): feeling or expressing remorse at the recognition that one has done wrong.

Insular (adjective): ignorant of or uninterested in cultures, ideas. Hence No Improvement is required.

19. I (made him to do) the project against his wishes.

- (a) made him to be done
- (b) made him to have done
- (c) made him do
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(c) Sol. (Make/Made+ Obj + V1) i.e. make when used in active voice takes bare infinitive. Hence option C is the correct choice.

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).

20. 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 + V₁. Note: 'forbid' won't take negative words 'no', 'not' with it. Hence option B fits in the context.

21. 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 + V₁ + 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.

22. 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 + V3' in Passive Voice and Present Perfect Tense in Active Voice 'has /have + V3' changes to

'has/ have + been + V3' in Passive Voice. Rest conversion rule is same. Hence option B fits in the context.

23. 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 + V1 (1st form) + object. Passive Voice: Object + is/am/are/was/were (according to the object=new subject) + to + be + V3 (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.

24. 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.

25. 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.

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.

26. When an electrical current is applied,

X- the thermoplastic heats and expands

Y- causing the paper to bend or fold; when the current is removed

Z- the paper returns to a pre-determined shape

- (a) XYZ
- (b) YZX
- (c) XZY
- (d) ZYX

Ans.(a)

27. Scientists have developed

X- a simple piece of paper to spring to life - bending

Y- folding or flattening itself on command

Z- a low-cost technology that allows

- (a) XZY
- (b) ZYX
- (c) YXZ
- (d) ZXY

Ans.(d)

28. The US president then launched into

X- much worse off if Hillary Clinton had won the 2016 election

Y- economic progress he said had been made during his presidency and insisted Americans would be Z- a rambling statement on job creation and other

- (a) XZY
- (b) ZXY
- (c) ZYX
- (d) YZX

Ans.(c)

29. In an affidavit filed in Supreme Court, Kerala Chief Secretary Tom Jose said the state

X- the two largest reservoir systems of Idukki and Idamalayar in synchronisation with eight other reservoirs in Periyar basin

Y- was managing the spate of water by controlling spill and letting a major portion of the flood waters to

Z- escape to the sea by implementing a strict operational control over the spill of

- (a) ZXY
- (b) YXZ
- (c) ZYX
- (d) YZX

Ans.(d)

30. WhatsApp has rejected India's

X- demand for a solution to track the origin of

Y- end-to-end encryption and affect privacy protection for users

Z- messages on its platform, saying building traceability would undermine

- (a) ZYX
- (b) YZX

- (c) XZY
- (d) ZXY

Ans.(c)

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'.

31. Irrespective of what was agreed upon in the past, (A) democracies should be enough supple to respond to emergencies (B)/in ways that benefit the greater common good. (C)/ No Error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

Ans.(b) Sol. Replace 'enough supple' with 'supple enough'.

32. In recent times, (A)/ gag orders have been (B)/ coming as the avalanche. (C)/ No Error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

Ans.(c) Sol. Replace definite article 'the' with indefinite article 'an'. As there is no definitiveness about the term 'avalanche'.

In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four as your answer.

33. The party _____ its demand to the government that petroleum products be brought within the ambit of the Goods and Service Tax.

- (a) reinstated
- (b) reiterated
- (c) reimbursed
- (d) requited

Ans.(b) Sol. Reinstated: restore (someone or something) to their former position or state.

Reiterate: say something again or a number of times, typically for emphasis or clarity.

Reimburse: to give back the amount of money that someone has spent. Requite:

make appropriate return for. Hence option B is the correct choice.

34. He was _____ at being excluded from the meeting.

- (a) vanguard
- (b) peeved
- (c) upfront
- (d) savant

Ans.(b) Sol. Peeved: Aroused to impatience or anger. Hence option B fits in the context.

Directions (35-36): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

35. Make a go of something

- (a) To judge something
- (b) To make something out of use
- (c) To succeed at something
- (d) To tease or bully

Ans.(c) Sol. Option C is the correct meaning.

36. Life of Riley

- (a) A life of difficulties and poverty
- (b) A life of great ease, comfort, or luxury
- (c) An unhealthy life
- (d) A person who makes everything exciting around him

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

Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

37. People or things that have been rejected or discarded as worthless.

- (a) Footpad
- (b) Internist
- (c) Flotsam
- (d) Isobel

Ans.(c) Sol. Option C is the correct substitution.

38. A person who introduces the performers or contestants in a variety show

- (a) Compere

- (b) Claque
- (c) Bale
- (d) Creak

Ans.(a) Sol. Option A is the correct substitution.

In the following questions, out of the given four alternatives, one word is misspelt. Find the mis-spelt word.

- Q39. (a) Overture**
(b) Hypochondriac
(c) Impugne
(d) Hitherto

Ans.(c) Sol. Correct spelling is 'Impugn'.

- Q40. (a) Vogue**
(b) Repudiate
(c) Hackneyed
(d) Intermittent

Ans.(c) Sol. Correct spelling is 'Hackneyed'.

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.

New-age parents make sure their children are not home alone when they go on vacations. Mall-hopping and _____ driving to tick off things to be seen or done is not their idea of a break. Unlike the Simpsons' dysfunctional holidays, these _____ parents are packing their bags to go on trips that are planned with a great deal of care. Instead of heading to Disneyland or museums, family vacations _____turned into experiences to cherish and Instagram too. Places, sights and activities are chosen to _____that _____teens and cranky toddlers have plenty to keep them engaged.

Q41. New-age parents make sure their children are not home alone when they go on vacations. Mall-hopping and _____ driving

- (a) antipyretic
- (b) frenetic
- (c) hastened
- (d) stagnant

Ans.(b) Sol. Antipyretic: used to prevent or reduce fever.
Frenetic: fast and energetic in a rather wild and uncontrolled way.
Stagnant: showing no activity; dull and sluggish. Hence option B fits in the context.

42. Unlike the Simpsons' dysfunctional holidays, these _____ parents are packing their bags to go on trips

- (a) savvy
- (b) dim-witted
- (c) ingenuous
- (d) forthright

Ans.(a) Sol. Savvy: shrewd and knowledgeable; having common sense and good judgement. Dim-witted: stupid or silly.

Forthright: direct and outspoken. Hence option A fits in the context.

43. Instead of heading to Disneyland or museums, family vacations _____turned into experiences to cherish

- (a) had been
- (b) have been
- (c) being
- (d) are

Ans.(b) Sol. Option B fits in the context as the subject is plural and 'have been' implies a recently practiced activity being done and hence justifies the passage.

44. Places, sights and activities are chosen to _____that

- (a) confirm
- (b) act
- (c) ensure
- (d) planned

Ans.(c) Sol. Ensure: make certain of obtaining or providing (something). Hence option C fits in the context.

45. _____teens and cranky toddlers have plenty to keep them engaged.

- (a) forbearing
- (b) compliant
- (c) resurgent
- (d) grumpy

Ans.(d) Sol. Resurgent: increasing or reviving after a period of little activity. Grumpy: easily annoyed or angered or having a bad temper or complaining often. Hence option D fits in the context.

In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

46. (a) Pyrrhic
(b) Aerator
(c) Biege
(d) Armament

Ans.(c) Sol. Correct Spelling is 'Beige'.

47. (a) Vallet
(b) Cologne
(c) Physicist
(d) Diphtheria

Ans.(a) Sol. Correct Spelling is 'Valet'.

48. (a) Appreciation
(b) Charades
(c) Dalmatian
(d) Hiefer

Ans.(d) Sol. Correct Spelling is 'Heifer'.

- Q49. (a) Mastiff
(b) Penitentiary
(c) Picayune
(d) Montage

Ans.(b) Sol. Correct Spelling is 'Penitentiary'.

- Q50. (a) Deliquescence
(b) Pertinacious
(c) Pisciculture
(d) Renaissance

Ans.(c) Sol. Correct Spelling is 'Pisciculture'.