

MISCELLANEOUS TEST

ENGLISH

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In this section, you have one short passage. After this passage, you will find several questions based on the passage. First, read Passage, and answer the questions based on it.

In the highest sense, religion is an intensely individual issue. But there is a national question also. We must hold together, and we cannot hold together only on the strength of police regulations. An internal regulator of conduct is absolutely necessary. Will men be good and wise without the aid of religion? As modern life has multiplied desires without the corrective of a sense of spiritual values, knowledge of modern science does not reduce either greed or lust. Indeed, it has nothing to do with these criminal disturbances of the mind. On the contrary, it finds fresh tools for greater indulgence in all forms of greed, lust, and anger. It is true that a sense of shame by itself often prevents overt misconduct. But it does not go to the root of the mischief; it does not stop undesirable mental activities. The only thing that can prevent or restrain these evils is the religious sense.

1. According to the author, religion is essentially a

- (a) personal matter
- (b) the matter having national relevance
- (c) the body of rules and regulations
- (d) the sacrifice of worldly desires

2. The statement “we must hold together” means that we should

- (a) be politically united
- (b) work together
- (c) be spiritually united
- (d) keep up our nation’s prestige

3. The author thinks that in the modern times

- (a) the police have grown very powerful
- (b) people’s needs have increased
- (c) politicians have become corrupt
- (d) we are practicing several faiths

4. The worst thing about modern science is that it has

- (a) produced dangerous weapons
- (b) spread new superstitions
- (c) contributed to the decline of our values
- (d) discredited all religions

5. The author holds that the perfect remedy for man’s evil propensities is a

- (a) the sense of shame
- (b) religious sense
- (c) the combination of a sense of shame and religion
- (d) the sense of good conduct

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.

6. The president is looking for a (1)/ military strategist to advise on (2)/ the best way to end the war. (3)/ No Error (4)

7. The little boy let go (1)/of his balloon, and watched (2)/ it to drift up into the sky. (3)/ No Error (4)

8. The Ex- MLA talked (1)/ as if he has already been elected (2)/ to the presidency. (3)/ No error. (4)

9. Everyone knows that the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and (1)/ the Congress have been working hand to glove (2)/ for decades while AAP emerged from agitation. (3)/ No error (4)

10. He described about his (1)/training routine and academy (2)/experiences in a letter to his parents. (3)/No error (4)

11. The population of Seattle has stayed (1)/around half a million, broadly (2)/comparing to that of Glasgow. (3)/ No Error (4)

12. His other key weakness is his (1)/ enablity to detach himself from (2)/his players and put them under pressure. (3)/ No Error (4)

13. James told Robert that (1)/ Mona will leave for her (2)/ native place the next day. (3) /No error(4)

14. He took some medicine for (1)/ his lower abdominal pain (2)/ before he went to sleep. (3)/No error (4)

15. Reena gave her friend (1)/no money nor she did help her (2)/ in any way. (3)/ No Error (4)

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

16. Fear of thunder and lightning

- (a) Globophobia
- (b) Taphophobia
- (c) Astraphobia
- (d) Ombrophobia

17. The person to whom one is engaged

- (a) Byre
- (b) Betrothed
- (c) Boor
- (d) Biped

18. The infirmity of old age

- (a) Surly
- (b) Naissance

- (c) Ubiety
- (d) Caducity

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.

We must remember that we cannot create a draconian state _____ order to end corruption. The moral transformation of civil society must be _____ and based on persuasive leadership. A _____ definition of a sustainable lifestyle must be voluntarily accepted. Only _____ will the competitive urge to make more and more money end. Money should become meaningful, moral and deeply _____. If true wealth is found in a rich heart, no one will want to touch money even with a barge pole.

19. Draconian state _____ order to end corruption.

- (a) into
- (b) so
- (c) in
- (d) for

20. Society must be _____ and based on persuasive leadership.

- (a) nature
- (b) natural
- (c) naturally
- (d) naturism

21. A _____ definition of a sustainable lifestyle must be voluntarily accepted.

- (a) clearly
- (b) clarity
- (c) clarification
- (d) clear

22. Only _____ will the competitive urge to make more and more money end.

- (a) than
- (b) thus
- (c) so
- (d) then

23. Money should become meaningful, moral and deeply _____.

- (a) satisfy
- (b) satisfaction
- (c) to satisfy
- (d) satisfying

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

24. Duck out

- (a) to quickly enter a location
- (b) easy thing to do
- (c) to leave in a hurry or secretly
- (d) to announce or reveal something

25. Red herring

- (a) something difficult or undesirable which is hidden becomes known and needs to be managed
- (b) to be in good health again after a period of illness or injury
- (c) something used to divert someone's attention from the real or important issue
- (d) to deliberately make a painful or difficult experience worse

26. The people of Japan are (wiser than America).

- (a) wiser than that of America
- (b) wiser than those of America
- (c) wiser to that of America
- (d) No Improvement

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

27. LESSOR

- (a) Mentor
- (b) Stupor
- (c) Repertoire
- (d) Proprietor

28. AVERMENT

- (a) Expiration
- (b) Collusion
- (c) Claim
- (d) Precondition S16.

In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the word given.

29. BLOVIATE

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

30. TAPER OFF

- (a) Neglect
- (b) Enforce
- (c) Protect
- (d) Increase

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

31. (a) triumph
(b) tortore
(c) tyrant
(d) thesaurus

32. (a) psychiatrist
(b) proclamation
(c) legitimacy
(d) tranquility

In the following questions the 1st and the last part of the sentence/passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the sentence/ passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence/passage and find out which of the four combinations is correct.

33. 1. The factor that beset India's growth is population explosion.
P. Sometimes religion also has a role to play in this.
Q. So many factors contribute to the rise in population.
R. There has been a phenomenal growth in population over the last century.
S. They are people's ignorance and early marriages.
6. Therefore, if we do not control birth, India's growth in every other facet of life will be offset by the steep increase in population.

- (a) PRQS
(b) QRSP
(c) RQSP
(d) RPQS

34. 1. The system of Sati prevailed among upper caste Hindus in the 19th century.
P. However, reformers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, launched powerful anti-Sati campaign.
Q. Between 1815 and 1818 in Bengal alone, 800 women became Satis.
R. The British did not take any legal action against this practice.
S. They feared a backlash from orthodox elements.
6. Lord William Bentinck was responsible for passing a law abolishing Sati.

- (a) PQRS
(b) QRPS
(c) QPSR
(d) RSPQ

35. 1. The most vulnerable section of the society is the students.
P. Revolutionary and new fledged ideas have a great appeal to them.
Q. Agitations may be non-violent methods of protest.
R. They cannot resist the charm of persuasion.
S. They are to be taught that without discipline they cannot get proper education.
6. However if these become violent, the antisocial elements get encouraged and they put all proper working out of gear.

- (a) PRSQ
(b) RSQP

- (c) SRQP
- (d) RPQS

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

36. Before festivals the shops are thronged with men, women and children making various purchases.

- (a) During festivals people throng the shops.
- (b) Men, women and children throng the shops before festivals making various purchases.
- (c) Men, women and children make purchases during festivals.
- (d) The shops are thronged by people making purchases.

37. He was congratulated by his teacher on his brilliant success in the last examination.

- (a) His teacher congratulated him on his brilliant success in the last examination.
- (b) His teacher congratulated him for his brilliant success in the last examination.
- (c) His teacher congratulated him on his brilliant success at the last examination.
- (d) His teacher congratulated him.

38. It is your duty to make tea at eleven O'clock.

- (a) You are asked to make tea at eleven O'clock
- (b) You are required to make tea at eleven O'clock.
- (c) You are supposed to make tea at eleven O'clock.
- (d) Tea is made by you at eleven O'clock.

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

39. David said to Anna, "Mona will leave for her native place tomorrow."

- (a) David told Anna that Mona will leave for her native place tomorrow
- (b) David told Anna that Mona left for her native place the next day
- (c) David told to Anna that Mona would be leaving for her native place tomorrow
- (d) David told Anna that Mona would leave for her native place the next day.

40. Robert said to me, "If I hear any news, I'll phone you."

- (a) Robert told me that if he heard any news, 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.

41. My father said to me, "Don't talk to your teacher like that."

- (a) My father warns me not to talk to my teacher like that.
- (b) My father warned me not to talk to my teacher like that.
- (c) My father warned me not to have talked to my teacher like that.
- (d) My father warns me not to have talked to my teacher like that.

The following question has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits in the context of the sentence.

42. Occupational safety and health are important for improved _____ and _____ .

- (a) men, women
- (b) boys, girls
- (c) assets, markets
- (d) productivity, growth
- (e) chemicals, drugs

43. Rapid urbanisation and rising _____ in rainfall patterns make it _____ that we transparently manage water resources nationally.

- (a) variability, imperative
- (b) assurance, necessary
- (c) fluctuations, inefficient
- (d) uncertainty, indifferent
- (e) costs, compulsory

44. The short-term priority is to remove _____ clauses in policies and _____ coverage to as many people as possible.

- (a) defamatory, exempt
- (b) discriminatory, expand
- (c) enriching, withheld
- (d) degrading, magnifies
- (e) boring, stop

45. The activities approved for toting up a teacher's _____ performance indicator are many, _____ beyond teaching and

- (a) popularity, training
- (b) academic, extending
- (c) cuteness, going
- (d) strength, power
- (e) happiness, great

46. Problems of exclusion will be eliminated if the payer-insurer is the state, the _____ is done through public taxes, and coverage is _____ .

- (a) loading, unreal
- (b) funding, imaginary
- (c) financing, universal
- (d) projection, hazy
- (e) sponsoring, questionable

In this section, you have one short passage. After this passage, you will find several questions based on the passage. First, read Passage, and answer the questions based on it.

I was lying on a ridge scanning, with field glasses, a rock cliff opposite me for tahr, the most sure footed of all Himalayan goats. On a ledge halfway up the cliff, a tahr and her kid were lying asleep. Then, the tahr got to her feet, stretched herself, and the kid immediately began to feed. After a minute the mother freed herself, took a few steps along the ledge, poised for a moment, then jumped down on to another but a narrower ledge some twelve to fifteen feet below her. As soon as it was left alone the kid started running backward and forwards,

stopping every now and then to peer down at its mother, but unable to summon the courage to jump down to her, for below the narrow ledge was a sheer drop of a thousand feet. I was too far away to hear whether the mother was encouraging her young, but from the way her head was turned, I believe she was doing so. The kid was getting more and more agitated and, possibly fearing that it would do something foolish, the mother went to what looked like a mere crack in the vertical rock face and, climbing it, rejoined her young. Immediately on doing so she lay down, presumably to prevent the kid from feeding.

After a while, she got to her feet again, allowed the kid to drink for a minute, poised carefully on the brink, and jumped down while the kid again ran backward and forwards above her. Seven times in the course of the next half-hour this procedure was repeated until finally the kid, abandoning itself to its fate, jumped, and landing safely beside its mother was rewarded by being allowed to drink its fill. The lesson for her young, that it was safe to follow where she led, was over for that day.

47. Which of the following excerpts from the passage best bears out the description of the tahr as a sure-footed mountain goat?

- (a) "Seven times in the course of the next half-hour this procedure was repeated."
- (b) "The lesson for her young _____ was over for that day."
- (c) "_____ the mother went to what looked like a mere crack in the vertical rock face _____ rejoined her young."
- (d) "I was too far away to hear whether the mother was encouraging her young _____ I believe she was doing so."

48. The mother goat feared that the kid "would do something foolish" like

- (a) drink more than its share of milk
- (b) throw itself off the cliff
- (c) follow her down the vertical rock face
- (d) continue to pace up and down indefinitely

49. Which of the following phrases can replace "abandoning itself to its fate", used in the second paragraph?

- (a) Making the most of the situation
- (b) Taking the bull by the horns
- (c) Facing the music
- (d) Accepting consequences

50. One way in which the kid was encouraged to follow its mother was by

- (a) not being allowed to have its fill of milk until it had jumped
- (b) running backward and forwards on the ledge before it jumped
- (c) getting very agitated before it jumped
- (d) being rejoined by its mother several times