

MISCELLANEOUS TEST

ENGLISH

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ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

1. 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

CANTANKEROUS

- a) Quarrelsome
- b) Rash
- c) Disrespectful
- d) Weary

Answer: c)

Explanation: Both 'Cantankerous' and 'quarrelsome' means someone bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative.

2. 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.

DEMURRAL

- a) Postponement
- b) Impediment
- c) Adjournment
- d) Furtherance

2. Answer: d)

Explanation: Demurral means deferment or interruption of something and 'Furtherance' 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. A place where dead bodies are kept for identification

- a) Hospital
- b) Morgue
- c) Dispensary
- d) Clinic

3. Answer: b)

Explanation: Morgue means a place where dead bodies are kept until identified and claimed or until arrangements for burial have been made.

4. The act of intentionally killing oneself

- a) Homicide
- b) Genocide
- c) Regicide
- d) Suicide

4. Answer: d)

Explanation: Suicide is the act of intentionally causing one's own death.

5. A home for children without parents

- a) Homage
- b) Orphanage
- c) Residence
- d) Nursery

5. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: Orphanage is the residential institution for the care and education of orphans.

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

6. **They recognise that problems that were too big to crack in the past can now be solved precisely because of _____, algorithms and sensors.**

- a) Amortization
- b) Digitization
- c) Initialization
- d) Localization

6. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Digitization' which means 'process of converting information into a digital format' fits in the blank.

7. **According to the last population _____, globally India has the largest illiterate population.**

- a) Agreement
- b) Economy
- c) Census
- d) Consensus

7. **Answer: c)**

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Census' which means 'an official count or survey, especially of a population' fits in the blank.

8. **A transparent regulatory environment, clarity on applicability of existing tax Laws, less _____ by State and minimum restriction or regulation are the key takeaways from the Startup launch.**

- a) Interference
- b) Aid
- c) Help
- d) Fund

8. **Answer: a)**

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Interference' which means 'the act or an instance of hindering, obstructing, or impeding' fits in the blank.

9. **A Limited Liability Partnership, popularly known as LLP combines the advantages of both the Company and Partnership into a single form of organization and offers a _____ structure.**

- a) Homogeneous
- b) Concentration
- c) Separated
- d) Hybrid

9. **Answer: d)**

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Hybrid' which means 'a thing made by combining two different elements' fits in the blank.

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.

10. **My sister-in-laws (a)/ who live in Bangalore (b)/ have come to stay with us. (c)/ No error (d)**

10. **Answer: a)**

Explanation: Replace 'sister-in-laws' with 'sister-in-law'.

11. **A woman who always (a)/ connives on the mistakes (b)/ of her children is their worst enemy. (c)/ No error (d)**

11. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: Replace 'on' with 'at'.

12. **As the celebration was going (a)/ we noticed Mrs. Sharma fall back (b)/ in her chair gasping for breath. (c)/ No error (d)**

12. **Answer: a)**

Explanation: Add 'on' after 'going'.

13. **Which of the following spellings is correct?**

- a) Pnemonia
- b) Neumonia
- c) Pneumonia
- d) Pneimonia

13. **Answer: c)**

Explanation: The correct answer is option c).

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.

14. If I wasn't in the middle of a party, I **will be** happy to visit you.

- a) Would be
- b) Would have been
- c) Should have been
- d) No correction required

14. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: The grammatically correct sentence would be "If I wasn't in the middle of a party, I would have been happy to visit you".

15. Manish is **fast** as or perhaps faster than Suresh.

- a) Almost as fast
- b) As fast
- c) Equally fast
- d) No correction required

15. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: The grammatically correct sentence would be "Manish is as fast or perhaps faster than Suresh".

16. The great scientist said that the earth **revolved** around the sun.

- a) Has been revolving
- b) Is revolving
- c) Revolves
- d) No correction required

16. **Answer: c)**

Explanation: The grammatically correct sentence would be "The great scientist said that the earth revolves around the sun".

17. She has been growing weaker and her life now **hangs like a thread**.

- a) Hangs by a thread
- b) Hangs with threads
- c) Hung on a thread
- d) No correction required

17. **Answer: a)**

Explanation: The grammatically correct sentence would be "She has been growing weaker and her life now hangs by a thread".

18. There is a dearth of **woman constable** in our state. We shall have to recruit some from the other states.

- a) Women Constable
- b) Woman Constables
- c) Women Constables
- d) No correction required

18. **Answer: c)**

Explanation: The grammatically correct sentence would be "There is a dearth of women constables in our state".

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.

19. You will be rewarded, only if **you yourself deserve** it.

- a) You deserve yourself
- b) You deserving
- c) You deserves
- d) You deserve

19. **Answer: d)**

Explanation: The grammatically correct phrase would be "You will be rewarded, only if you deserve it."

20. He is transferred to Calcutta, **where is** his native place.

- a) While in
- b) That is
- c) What is
- d) At his

20. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: The grammatically correct phrase would be "He is transferred to Calcutta, that is his native place."

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

That the global economy is slowing down is an understatement. This is more so when much of the world economic activity's fulcrum is oil. With oil prices falling below \$28 per barrel and set to drop further — some suggest they could fall as low as \$10 a barrel. The reason? Iran, a major oil producer, just free from sanctions imposed by the US, is all set to boost its crude output. The country has announced that it will increase its crude output by 500,000 barrels a day. With this, the global crude oil market is set for a glut and consequent collapse in oil prices.

Experts point to China as one of the main reasons for the slow down. The dragon economy has become a drag on the global economy. Growth slowed down to 6.9 per cent after the fourth quarter slowed to 6.8 per cent last year. This was exacerbated by a huge outflow of capital, a slide in the Yuan currency and stock market crashes. With many of the markets riding piggyback on the Chinese economy, demand fell everywhere and impacted the world economy at large. The latest forecast by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) cut its global growth forecast for 2016 at 3.4 per cent, down 0.2 per cent but put India's projected growth at 7.5 per cent, up from 7.3 per cent last year. So, as the dragon slows down, it could be the time of the resurgent tiger, cranked up by low oil prices.

21. **According to the passage, what will be the main reason for drop in the oil prices in future?**

- a) Iran's decision to decrease the output of crude oil.
- b) Iran's decision to increase the output of crude oil.
- c) Iran's decision to increase the input of crude oil.
- d) Iran's decision to decrease the input of crude oil.

21. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: The first paragraph clearly states that the oil prices may fall to \$10 a barrel in future as Iran, a major oil producer is all set to boost its crude output.

22. **What does the author mean by saying 'global crude oil market is set for a glut'?**

- a) Less supply of crude oil in the domestic market.
- b) Less supply of crude oil in the global market.
- c) Excessive supply of crude oil in the global market.
- d) Excessive supply of crude oil in the domestic market.

22. **Answer: c)**

Explanation: The word 'Glut' means an excessively abundant supply of something.

23. **According to the passage, what is the main reason of recent global economic slowdown?**

- a) Growth in the Chinese Economy.
- b) Slowdown in the Chinese Economy.
- c) Increase in the Yuan currency.
- d) None of the above

23. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: The second paragraph clearly states that drop in Chinese economy is one of the main reasons for

the global economic slowdown.

24. **What does the word 'exacerbated' mean in the passage?**

- a) Making a good situation even worse.
- b) Making a bad situation even worse.
- c) Making a bad situation better.
- d) Making a good situation even better.

24. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: The word 'exacerbate' means to make something that is already bad even worse.

25. **Which of the following statement is incorrect according to the passage?**

- a) The oil prices are falling below \$28 per barrel.
- b) There has been growth in the Yuan currency.
- c) International Monetary Fund (IMF) cut its global growth forecast for 2016 at 3.4%.
- d) Iran announced that it will increase its crude output by 500,000 barrels a day.

25. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: The second paragraph clearly states that the Chinese economy suffered more by a huge outflow of capital, a slide in the Yuan currency and stock market crashes. Hence, option b) is incorrect.

26. **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.**

DEMARCATÉ

- a) Connect
- b) Mark off
- c) Combine
- d) Publicize

26. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: Both 'Demarcate' and 'Mark off' means to separate or differentiate something.

27. **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.**

CREDESCENCE

- a) Dependence
- b) Assurance
- c) Disbelief
- d) Reliance

27. **Answer: c)**

Explanation: 'Credence' means to believe in or accepting something as true and 'Disbelief' 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.

28. **A person who walks while sleeping**

- a) Ambulant
- b) Somnambulist
- c) Athlete
- d) Ardent

28. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: Somnambulism is a situation in which a person walks around while they are sleeping.

29. **A woman whose spouse is dead**

- a) Divorced
- b) Married
- c) Widow
- d) Connoisseur

29. **Answer: c)**

Explanation: Widow is a woman who has lost her spouse by death and has not married again.

30. **The ability to be free from infection**

- a) Antiseptic
- b) Immune
- c) Hypocrite
- d) Heretic

30. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: Immune means someone resistant to a particular infection or toxin owing to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells.

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

31. **The controversial land acquisition bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha _____ strong protests by the Opposition which termed the measure 'anti-farmer'.**

- a) Seeming
- b) Abstracted
- c) Amid
- d) Distracted

31. **Answer: c)**

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Amid' which means something surrounded by or in the middle of, fits in the blank.

32. **Surprise inspections, hefty fines and strict _____ have ensured that New Delhi railway station looks clean and tidy and meets commuters' expectations.**

- a) Sincerity
- b) Vigil
- c) Deadlines
- d) Negligence

32. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Vigil' which means to recall and show respect for someone or something, fits in the blank.

33. **Industrial _____ of carbon dioxide and other planet-warming greenhouse gases have boosted the global average temperature by about 0.8 degree Celsius since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.**

- a) Containments
- b) Usage
- c) Chemicals
- d) Emissions

33. **Answer: d)**

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Emissions' which means the production and discharge of especially gas or radiation, fits in the blank.

34. **Start-ups in e-commerce and e-retail space are the ones that will change the face of Indian _____ and marketing business.**

- a) Consumption
- b) Production
- c) Merchandising
- d) Financial

34. **Answer: c)**

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'merchandising' which means the activity of promoting the sale of goods, especially by their presentation in retail outlets, fits in the blank.

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35. **She opened (a)/ box full of chocolates (b)/ and took one of them (c).**

35. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: Add 'a' before 'box'.

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

36. Answer: a)

Explanation: Replace 'me' by 'my'

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

37. Answer: b)

Explanation: Remove 'out', as it is redundant

38. Which of the following spellings is correct?

- a) Aparthied
- b) Apartheid
- c) Aparthide
- d) Aparthid

38. Answer: b)

Explanation: The correct answer is option b).

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.

39. Millions of people in India **are deprived** of two square meals in a day.

- a) Have been deprived
- b) Are being deprived
- c) Has been deprived
- d) No correction required

39. Answer: a)

Explanation: The grammatically correct sentence would be "Millions of people in India have been deprived of two square meals in a day".

40. Why **did you not spoken** to him earlier?

- a) Were you not spoken
- b) Did you not spoke
- c) You did not speak
- d) Did you not speak

40. Answer: d)

Explanation: The grammatically correct sentence would be "Why did you not speak to him earlier?"

41. His statement that he was **thorough ignorant** of the consequences cannot be trusted.

- a) Thoroughly ignorance
- b) Thoroughly ignorant
- c) Thoroughly in ignorance
- d) No correction required

41. Answer: b)

Explanation: The grammatically correct sentence would be "His statement that he was thoroughly ignorant of the consequences cannot be trusted".

42. By nature **the English** are reserved, so they prefer to live in solitary houses.

- a) English
- b) Some English
- c) English people
- d) No correction required

42. Answer: c)

Explanation: There is no error in the sentence.

43. They will be coming to attend the birthday party, **isn't it**?

- a) Isn't they
- b) Won't they
- c) Aren't they
- d) No improvement

43. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: The correct sentence would be "They will be coming to attend the birthday party, won't they?"

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.

44. We cannot move forward without Ankit, so let's **call it a year**.

- a) Call it a month
- b) Say it a year
- c) Say it a day
- d) Call it a day

44. **Answer: d)**

Explanation: The grammatically correct phrase would be "We cannot move forward without Ankit, so let's call it a day."

45. My parents call me every **then and now** to see if I'm doing well.

- a) now and then
- b) now and when
- c) when and where
- d) Here and there

45. **Answer: a)**

Explanation: The grammatically correct phrase would be "My parents call me every now and then to see if I'm doing well."

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The decision to hire retired teachers to meet the shortage of teaching staff is a welcome move. Education ministers from 18 states have agreed to hire teachers in this manner from April next. Opportunities will also be given to volunteers who are adequately qualified. Though termed an ad hoc measure, it is an effective and immediate solution to overcome the acute shortage of teachers. According to official estimates, the country is short of at least 10-12 lakh teachers. In some states like Karnataka, the problem is so acute that many government schools are in no position to complete the syllabus before the SSLC exams in March. Whatever arrangements the authorities concerned are making, are unlikely to benefit the students.

What has been agreed upon at the recent education ministers' meeting is not revolutionary. Already, states like Delhi and Odisha hire part-time or guest teachers to complement the regular staff. But, the Central and state governments must understand this cannot be a permanent solution. It is, in fact, unbelievable that in a country of India's size and resources, it is difficult to find adequate number of teachers. The need to have permanent teachers cannot be overemphasized. It is the prevalence of red tapism in the government, which is primarily responsible for the delay in recruiting staff. This year, for instance, Karnataka planned to recruit teachers on an emergency basis but a court case scuppered the plan. As a result, the availability of teachers in the state is in the ratio of 1:75 when, ideally, it should be 1:35. The increasing reluctance of states to spend on education is also reflected in the shortage.

46. **Which one of the following is a welcome move for meeting the shortage of teaching staff?**

- a) Hiring more teachers.
- b) Hiring retired teachers.
- c) Increasing the salary of the existing teachers.
- d) Decreasing the salary of the existing teachers.

46. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: The first line of the passage clearly states that the decision to hire retired teachers to meet the shortage of teaching staff is a welcome move.

47. **What does the author mean by the term 'ad hoc measure'?**

- a) Measure taken for an ambiguous objective.
- b) Measure taken for an indefinite objective.
- c) Measure taken for a particular objective.
- d) Measure taken for a random objective.

47. **Answer: c)**

Explanation: The word 'ad hoc' means something created or done for a particular purpose as necessary.

48. **Which of the following cannot be a permanent solution for the problem of shortage of teaching staff?**

- a) Hiring retired teachers.
- b) Hiring part-time or guest teachers.
- c) Increasing the number of schools in the states.
- d) Increasing the number of schools in the whole country.

48. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: The second paragraph clearly states that the Central and state governments must understand that hiring part-time or guest teachers cannot be a permanent solution the problem of shortage of teaching staff.

49. **According to the passage, what is the prime cause of delay in recruiting teaching staff?**

- a) Lack of Knowledge
- b) Lack of Human Resource
- c) Red tapism
- d) None of the above

49. **Answer: c)**

Explanation: The second paragraph clearly states that it is the prevalence of red tapism in the government, which is primarily responsible for the delay in recruiting staff.

50. **Which of the following statement is incorrect according to the passage?**

- a) Education ministers from 18 states have agreed to hire retired teachers.
- b) The availability of teachers in Karnataka is in the ratio of 1:35.
- c) The country is short of at least 10-12 lakh teachers.
- d) Delhi and Odisha hired part-time or guest teachers to complement the regular staff.

50. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: The second paragraph clearly states that the availability of teachers in Karnataka is in the ratio of 1:75.