GEORGE SCHOOL OF COMPETITIVE EXAMS

MISCELLANEOUS TEST ENGLISH

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ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

1. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
ACCURATE
1. real
2. germane
3. sincere
4. precise
Answer: precise
2. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
2. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank. As he crossed the desert he nearly to thirst when he was forced to go without water for four days and five nights.
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As he crossed the desert he nearly to thirst when he was forced to go without water for four days and five nights. 1. submerged 2. survived

Answer: succumbed

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

One who draws or produces maps

1. photographer

- 2. designer
- 3. cartographer
- 4. draftsman

Answer: cartographer

4. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

She was unable to produce sufficient evidences for support her accusations.

- 1. She was unable
- 2. to produce
- 3. support her accusations
- 4. sufficient evidences for

Answer: sufficient evidences for

5. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom

make short work of something

- 1. reduce the size
- 2. dispose of quickly
- 3. shorten some dress
- 4. edit carefully

Answer: dispose of quickly

6. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.

The interviewer asked Ramesh, "Do you have any idea about our products?"

- 1. The interviewer asked Ramesh that if he had any idea about the products.
- 2. The interviewer asked Ramesh if they had any idea about his products.
- 3. The interviewer asked Ramesh if he have any idea about their products.

4. The interviewer asked Ramesh if he had any idea about their products.
Answer: The interviewer asked Ramesh if he had any idea about their products.
7. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.
Once again, higher food inflation, in combination with fuel and power, provided to the wholesale inflation.
1. insight
2. impetus
3. inspiration
4. impression
Answer: impetus
Direction 8 to 12: 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.
If winter seems to be the season for migratory birds to flock to warmer climates, summer time is ideal for wetland birds. (1) fifty kilometers from Warangal in Telangana, Pakhal lake (2) to be playing host to (3) wide variety of flora and fauna (4) season. Wetland birds from North and Central India come (5) the south in search of larger water bodies.
8. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1.
1. Totally
2. But
3. Not
4. Nearly
Answer: Nearly
9. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2.
1. will seems
2. seem

3. was seemed
4. seems
Answer: seems
10. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3.
1. an
2. a
3. the
4. one
Answer: a
11. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4.
1. this
2. that
3. their
4. these
Answer: this
12. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5.
1. towards
2. away
3. about
4. below
Answer: towards
13. Select the wrongly spelt word.
1. fourteenth
2. fourtieth

- 3. seventeenth
- 4. fifteenth

Answer: fourtieth

14. Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words

A person who sells and arranges cut flowers

- 1. botanist
- 2. florist
- 3. nutritionist
- 4. agriculturist

Answer: florist

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

DEDICATION

- 1. determination
- 2. trepidation
- 3. commitment
- 4. contentment

Answer: commitment

16. Select the correctly spelt word.

- 1. manageable
- 2. manageable
- 3. manageable
- 4. managable

Answer: manageable

17. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.

My professor gave me a lot of useful advices when I was writing my research paper.

- 1. gave me a lot of useful advice
- 2. No improvement
- 3. gave me a lots of useful advices
- 4. give me lots of useful advices

Answer: gave me a lot of useful advice

- 18. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom make no headway
- 1. forced to fix a new goal
- 2. unable to overtake anyone
- 3. check if the head can pass through
- 4. unable to progress ahead

Answer: unable to progress ahead

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

HOPE

- 1. confidence
- 2. despair
- 3. Daring
- 4. courage

Answer: despair

20. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

The team began searching for reasons for their poor performance in the tournament.

1. searching for reasons

- 2. The team began
- 3. for their poor performance
- 4. in the tournament

Answer: for their poor performance

- 21. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.
- A. Using matches however came much later.
- **B.** The first great discovery that man probably made was that of fire.
- **C.** In olden times fires were made by rubbing two flints against each other till a spark was produced.
- **D.** And this spark set fire to dry straw, leaves or wood.
- 1. BCDA
- 2. BDAC
- 3. CBDA
- 4. ADBC

Answer: BCDA

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

ABSTRACT

- 1. vague
- 2. intangible
- 3. elusive
- 4. concrete

Answer: concrete

- 23. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.
- A. We had already covered half the distance when we reached a three-road junction.
- B. I was worried it might pounce on us.

- C. But thankfully we picked up speed and it got left behind.
- D. Suddenly, a barking dog began to chase the bike for some distance.
- 1. ABDC
- 2. BDAC
- 3. DACB
- 4. ADBC

Answer: ADBC

24. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.

Someone gave him a new case for his credit cards.

- 1. He has given a new case for his credit cards.
- 2. He is given a new case for his credit cards.
- 3. He had given a new case for his credit cards.
- 4. He was given a new case for his credit cards.

Answer: He was given a new case for his credit cards.

25. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.

The minister promise to looked into the matter of fuel emissions and air pollution.

- 1. No improvement
- 2. promise to looks into
- 3. promises to looking at
- 4. promised to look into

Answer: promised to look into

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.

26. SEAMY

(a) Pure (b) Real (c) Steady (d) Timid Answer. Seamy: sordid & disreputable. Hence Seamy and Pure are antonyms to each other. 27. EFFICACIOUS (a) Ineffective (b) Descent (c) Profound (d) Prompt Answer. Efficacious: successful in producing a desired or intended result, effective. Hence Efficacious and Ineffective are antonyms to each other. 28. FORLORN (a) Unsociable (b) Joyful (c) Docile (d) Smooth Answer. Forlorn: pitifully sad and abandoned or lonely. Hence Forlorn and Joyful are antonyms to each other. 29. UNHINGE (a) Dismay (b) Soothe

Answer. Unhinge: make (someone) mentally unbalanced. Soothe: to make someone feel calm or less worried. Hence Unhinge and Soothe are antonyms to each other.

(c) Unsettle

(d) Chafe

30. TURPITUDE

- (a) Depravity
- (b) Virtue
- (c) Rakishness
- (d) Rot S50.

Answer. Turpitude: depraved or wicked behaviour or character. Depravity: moral corruption; wickedness. Virtue: a quality considered morally good or desirable in a person. Hence Turpitude and Virtue are antonyms to each other.

In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words / sentence.

31. A place where birds are kept

- a) Aviary
- b) House
- c) Aquarium
- d) Apiary

Answer. A

32. That which has a double meaning

- a) Doubtless
- b) uncertain
- c) Controversial
- d) Ambiguous

Answer. D

33. Incapable of making errors

- a) Infallible
- b) Incorrigible
- c) Impervious

d) Inexplicable

Answer. A

34. Governed by a sense of duty

- a) Conscious
- b) Sensible
- c) Intelligent
- d) Conscientious

Answer.D

35. The depository where state records are documents are preserved

- a) Museum
- b) Library
- c) Emporium
- d) Archive

Answer. D

Choose correct options for the following blanks.

Birds spend the summer in the higher level at <u>(36)</u> and during winter they come down to plains.<u>(37)</u> birds do not fly fast. Some birds make their long journey in <u>(38)</u> stages usually birds travel in <u>(39)</u>. Birds migrate in order to <u>(40)</u> from the bitter cold and limited food supply.

- 36.a) Sea level
- b) hills
- c) mountains
- d) buildings

Answer. C

- 37.a) migrating
- b) flying
- c) small
- d) sometimes

Answer. A

- 38).a) easy
- b) many
- c) eight
- d) one

Answer. A

- 39.a) single
- b) double
- c) air
- d) Flocks

Answer. D

- 40).a) avoid
- b) enjoy
- c) escape
- d) please

Answer. C

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

41. To shoot the breeze

- (a) To do random acts hoping one will be successful
- (b) To have a casual conversation
- (c) To release stomach gases
- (d) To brag about some mild achievement

Answer 'To shoot the breeze' — To have a casual conversation.

42. Shooting fish in a barrel

- (a) To do random acts of stupidity
- (b) To behave in a cruel manner
- (c) Ridiculously easy
- (d) To escape through a narrow opening

Answer. 'Shooting fish in a barrel' — Ridiculously easy.

43. By the skin of one's teeth

- (a) To hurt someone
- (b) Teeth show health of an animal or a person
- (c) Dental hygiene is critical for good health
- (d) A very narrow margin

Answer .'By the skin of one's teeth' — A very narrow margin.

44. Scapegoat

- (a) Animal sacrifice as an offering to God
- (b) The most useful animal or person
- (c) A lucky person who is forgiven for his crimes
- (d) A person who is blamed for the mistakes of others

Answer .'Scapegoat' — A person who is blamed for the mistakes of others.

45. Wild goose chase

- (a) A hopeless search for something unattainable
- (b) An adventurous trip full of surprises
- (c) To waste a lot of time and effort for small returns
- (d) To have fun doing a certain task

Answer 'Wild goose chase' — A hopeless search for something unattainable.

46. To put the cat among the pigeons

- (a) To hunt easy prey
- (b) To be different in a group where everybody is alike
- (c) To do something that is likely to cause controversy
- (d) When the entire group feels trapped in a bad situation

Answer 'To put the cat among the pigeons' — To do something that is likely to cause controversy.

47. Practice makes a man perfect

- (a) Perfection demands patience
- (b) Any problem can be solved if you are willing to try many times
- (c) Regular activity is the way to become proficient in it
- (d) It takes a long time to form a good habit

Answer. 'Practice makes a man perfect' — Regular activity is the way to become proficient in it.

48. Pull the plug

- (a) Make a firm refusal
- (b) Save a situation by acting in the nick of time
- (c) To waste away somebody's effort
- (d) Prevent something from continuing

Answer. 'Pull the plug' — Prevent something from continuing.

49. Wag the dog

- (a) To divert attention from something of greater importance to something of lesser importance
- (b) To be nice to someone if you want that person's loyalty
- (c) To praise someone to get that persons love
- (d) A small favour to a person who loves you matters a lot to that person

Answer.'Wag the dog' — To divert attention from something of greater importance to something of lesser importance.

50. Don't count your chickens before they hatch

- (a) Not to live in a fancy imaginary world, where everything happens as per your wish
- (b) Counting your wealth repeatedly will not make it grow
- (c) One should be optimistic but be ready for failures
- (d) Not to be too sure that something good you hope for will really happen, it might not happen after all

Answer. 'Don't count your chickens before they hatch' — Not to be too sure that something good you hope for will really happen, it might not happen after all.