

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.

1. RECALCITRANT

- a) Revitalize
- b) Revisit
- c) Reply
- d) Stubborn

1. Answer: d)

Explanation: Both 'Recalcitrant' and 'Stubborn' means having an obstinately uncooperative attitude towards authority or discipline.

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.

VERACITY

- a) Dishonest
- b) Just
- c) Probity
- d) Accuracy

2. Answer: a)

Explanation: 'Veracity' means habitual truthfulness and 'Dishonest' is the exact opposite word.

Directions (3 - 5): 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 speech delivered without any previous preparation

- a) Dialogue
- b) Extempore
- c) Elocution
- d) Dialect

3. Answer: b)

Explanation: Extempore means a speech spoken, carried out, or composed with little or no preparation or forethought.

4. A great lover of books

- a) Biography
- b) Bibliography
- c) Bibliophile
- d) Biblical

4. Answer: c)

Explanation: A bibliophile is an individual who loves books.

5. One who journeys to a holy place

- a) Pilgrim
- b) Begrime
- c) Megrim
- d) Grim

5. **Answer: a)**

Explanation: A pilgrim is a traveler (literally one who has come from afar) who is on a journey to a holy place.

Directions (6 – 9): Choose the option that completes the sentence most meaningfully and appropriately.

6. **Major e-tailers have also come up with mobile _____ to help their customers to shop with ease, and on the move.**

- a) Activities
- b) Applications
- c) Recharge
- d) Handsets

6. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: A mobile application is a software application developed specifically for use on small, wireless computing devices, such as smart phones and tablets, rather than desktop or laptop computers.

7. **The Chinese stock market _____ is unlikely to be the trigger for a 1930s-like depression as the tremors till now have been confined within the perimeter of the Great Wall.**

- a) Trading
- b) Shares
- c) Meltdown
- d) Dealing

7. **Answer: c)**

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Meltdown' which means a disastrous collapse or breakdown, fits in the blank.

8. **In a recent judgment, the apex court upheld the natural right of a woman to bring up her child without any need to mention its _____ father's name if she did not want to.**

- a) Biological
- b) Logical
- c) Global
- d) Hereditary

8. **Answer: a)**

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Biological' which means genetically related or related by blood fits, in the blank.

9. **Stars _____ the occasion and it was almost like an Indian Premier League affair.**

- a) Visited
- b) Twinkled
- c) Embraced
- d) Graced

9. **Answer: d)**

Explanation: As per the meaning of the sentence, the word 'Graced' which bring honour or credit to (someone or something) by one's attendance or participation, fits in the blank.

Directions (10 - 12): 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. She has started (a)/ to learning Mathematics (b)/ through a correspondence course. (c)/ No error (d)

10. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: Replace 'Learning' with 'Learn'.

11. I and You (a)/ are going to participate (b)/ in the event. (c)/ No error (d)

11. **Answer: a)**

Explanation: Replace 'I' with 'Me'.

12. I requested him (a)/ to come and (b)/ swimming with me. (c)/ No error (d)

12. **Answer: c)**

Explanation: Replace 'Swimming' with 'Swim'.

13. Which of the following spellings is correct?

- a) Eloqent
- b) Eloquent
- c) Elequent
- d) Eloquant

13. Answer: b)

Explanation: Option b) is the correct answer.

Directions (14 - 18): 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) Should be

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 **as 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) Has revolved

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".

Directions (19 - 20): 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. The Bill on health care will be **in sign** in the next session of the Parliament.

- a) On sign
- b) Signed
- c) Signing
- d) Available for signature

19. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: The grammatically correct phrase would be "The Bill on health care will be signed in the next session of the Parliament".

20. The student was nervous when the Principal was **going on** his exam paper.

- a) Going through
- b) Going by
- c) Checking through
- d) Checking in

20. **Answer: a)**

Explanation: The grammatically correct phrase would be "The student was nervous when the Principal was going through his exam paper".

Directions (21 - 25): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

India has witnessed a 455 per cent increase in drug hauls during 2011-2013, according to data released by the government. Officials have seized 105,173 tonnes of illegal drugs over this period, a reminder of a growing Indian problem on the international day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking, observed on June 26 by the UN. The world drug report says with nearly 18 per cent of the world's population in the 15-64 age groups, India is a prime market for illicit opiates originating in both south-east Asia and south-west Asia.

According to official estimates, some 7.3 crore people in India are victims of drug addiction. In a survey by some college students in Mumbai and Delhi, it was found that the problem has multiplied in recent times and that the majority of the addicts were teens. It was discovered that about a fifth of the alcoholics were only just over 15. The menace cannot be curbed by merely enacting a stronger law and rigorous enforcement. It is to be redressed by adopting counseling and creating awareness.

21. According to the World Drug Report, which of the following statements are true?

- a) India is a prime market for illegal trading of all the drugs to both south-east Asia and south-west Asia.
- b) India is a prime market for trading between south-east Asia and south-west Asia.
- c) India is a prime market for illegal trading of opium to all the countries of the world.
- d) India is a prime market for illegal trading of opium to both south-east Asia and south-west Asia.

21. **Answer: d)**

Explanation: The world drug report says with nearly 18 per cent of the world's population in the 15-64 age groups, India is a prime market for illicit opiates originating in both south-east Asia and south-west Asia.

22. **According to the passage, drug hauls during 2011-2013 in India has:**

- a) Increased in a minor way.
- b) Increased majorly.
- c) Increased at a decreasing rate.
- d) Decreased at an increasing rate.

22. **Answer: b)**

Explanation: The first line of the passage clearly states that India has witnessed a 455 per cent increase in drug hauls during 2011-2013.

23. **According to the passage, who are the major addicts of drugs in India?**

- a) Youth
- b) Adults
- c) Old Aged people
- d) Children below 12 years of age

23. **Answer: a)**

Explanation: The second paragraph clearly states that "In a survey by some college students in Mumbai and Delhi, it was found that the problem has multiplied in recent times and that the majority of the addicts were teens".

24. **What does the term 'menace' mean in the passage?**

- a) Increasing number of tobacco eaters in India.
- b) Increasing number of smokers in India.
- c) Increasing number of drug addicts in India.
- d) Increasing number of population in India.

24. Answer: c)

Explanation: The second paragraph clearly states that government cannot curb the increasing number of drug addicts in India by merely enacting a stronger law and rigorous enforcement.

25. What is required to put a curb on the increasing number of drug addicts in India?

- a) A stronger law
- b) Rigorous enforcement
- c) Adopting counseling methods for victims and creating awareness amongst them.
- d) All of the above

25. Answer: d)

Explanation: The last lines of the passage clearly mention that the menace cannot be curbed by merely enacting a stronger law and rigorous enforcement. It is to be redressed by adopting counseling and creating awareness.