

MISCELLANEOUS TEST

ENGLISH

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ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

Each of the following sentences is divided in to four/ five parts. Any of the parts may contain an error. Select the part that has an error. Ignore punctuation errors if any.

1. Parliament is not competing to (A) / enacts any law which is inconsistent (B) / with a fundamental rights (C) / enshrined in Part III of the Constitution. (D)/ No error (e)

- A. Only B
- B. Only A and C
- C. Only A, B and C
- D. Only B, C and D
- E. No error

Ans. C

Fragment A: Correct: Parliament is not competent to

Fragment B: Correct: enact any law which is inconsistent

Fragment C: Correct: with the fundamental rights

Correct: Parliament is not competent to enact any law which is inconsistent with the fundamental rights enshrined in Part III of the Constitution.

Hence, option C is correct.

2. The market's impressive recovery from the (A) / day's lows has offered some reason for (B) / optimism to investors, who believe the fall was (C) / simply a temporary correction in a bull market. (D)/ no error (e)

- A. Only C
- B. Only A and C
- C. Only B and D
- D. Only A, B and D
- E. No error

Ans. E

All the fragments are correct and hence, there is no error in the statement.

Hence, option E is correct.

3. An ordinance is a constitutionally sanctioned (A) / ad hoc mechanism for which critically (B) / urgent situations are meet when Parliament (C) / or a State Assembly is not in session. (D)/ no error (e)

- A. Only C
- B. Only B and C
- C. Only A, B and D
- D. Only B, C and D
- E. No error

Ans. : B

Fragment B: Correct: ad hoc mechanism by which critically

Fragment C: Correct: urgent situations are met when Parliament

Correct: An ordinance is a constitutionally sanctioned ad hoc mechanism by which critically urgent situations are met when Parliament or a State Assembly is not in session.

Hence, option B is correct.

4. Given there limited attention and (A) / computational capacity, people gravitate (B) / towards the status quo, which often results (C) / in a gap between a policy's intent and action. (D)/ no error (e)

- A. Only A

- B. Only D
- C. Only A and C
- D. Only B and D
- E. No error

Ans. : A

Fragment A: Correct: Given their limited attention and

Correct: Given their limited attention and computational capacity, people gravitate towards the status quo, which often results in a gap between the policy's intent and action.

Hence, option A is correct.

5. Over the last few years, it has being observed (A) / that even the most well-intentioned public (B) / policy programmes fails to be adopted by (C) / people who would benefit from them the most. (D)/ no error (e)

- A Only B
- B. Only C
- C. Only A and C
- D. Only A, B and C
- E. No error

Ans. : C

Fragment A: Correct: Over the last few years, it has been observed

Fragment C: Correct: policy programmes fail to be adopted by

Correct: Over the last few years, it has been observed that even the most well-intentioned public policy programmes fail to be adopted by people who would benefit from them the most.

6. The north-eastern state of Assam (A) / is among the most ethnically, linguistically, (B) / religiously and topographically mixed (C) / bits of India but is also the most combustible. (D)/ no error (e)

- A. Only A
- B. Only B and D
- C. Only A and C
- D. Only A, C and D
- E. All are correct

Ans. E

The statement is correct in its original form and has no error.

Hence, option E is correct.

7. Not for the first time, an incoming government faces the (A) / balance-of payments crisis were the current-account deficit (B) / has widened, the currency are sliding and the foreign-exchange (C) / reserves are down to just \$9bn—barely two months' import cover. (D)/ no error (e)

- A. Only D
- B. Only A and B
- C. Only B and D
- D. Only A, B and C
- E. All are correct.

Ans. : A

The use of article 'the' is incorrect as the BOP crisis is a general term and not specific to a nations. Fragment B is incorrect due to the use of 'were' instead of 'where'. Fragment C is incorrect due to use of 'are' instead of 'is' while the currency is singular.

Correct: Not for the first time, an incoming government faces a balance-of payments crisis where the current-account deficit has widened, the currency is sliding and the foreign-exchange reserves are down to just \$9bn—barely two months' import cover.

Hence, option A is correct.

8. Few believed President Bashar al-Assad would (A) / survive the rebellion that swept his country seven (B) / years ago and Syria's blood-soaked dictator is (C) / on the brink of defeating those who tried to topple him. (D)/ no error (e)

- A. Only A
- B. Only A and C
- C. Only A, B and D
- D. Other than the given options

E. All are correct.

Ans. : C

Here, the statement has two fragments- one which talks of how no one expected Syria's President to make it and the other talking about him on the verge of defeating the ones against him. Hence, these fragments are contradictory and the connector 'and' is incorrect and should be replaced by 'but'. The rest of the fragments are correct.

Correct: Few believed President Bashar al-Assad would survive the rebellion that swept his country seven years ago but Syria's blood-soaked dictator is on the brink of defeating those who tried to topple him.

Hence, option C is correct.

9. Considering the case in which (A) / three were killed and one injured, (B) / I decided to appoint the most intelligent (C) / investigator of the force to crack the case. (D)/ no error (e)

- A. A and B
- B. B and C
- C. C and D
- D. Other than the given combinations
- E. No error

Ans. : D

In the given sentence, the error lies in fragment B of the sentence in which the use of auxiliary verb is wrong. It is the grammatical rule that if there are two subjects of different numbers in a sentence, there should be separate auxiliary verbs attached to both of them. In this sentence, *three were killed and one injured* has only one auxiliary verb in the first part but not in the second. Other parts are grammatically and contextually correct and do not need any corrections.

The correct sentence would be: Considering the case in which three were killed and one was injured, I decided to appoint the most intelligent investigator of the force to crack the case.

It makes option D the correct choice among the given options.

10. I hoped to immediately declare the fact (A) / in front of all the people present but it was (B) / already known by everybody (C) / that the earth moved round the sun. (D)/ no error (e)

- A. B and C
- B. Only B
- C. B, C and D
- D. A, B and C
- E. No error

Ans. : B

Coming to the first fragment of the sentence, it is not correct since the adverb should never come between the infinitive 'to' and the verbal part of the infinitive and should always be placed after the verb. Here, *to immediately declare* is the wrong usage and it should have been *to declare immediately*.

Coming to Fragment C, the agent that comes after *known* is not correctly used in the given sentence as it should have been *to* in place of *by* used in the sentence.

Another error lies in fragment D of the sentence. If we are talking about some universal truth it should always be in the present indefinite tense, wherever it is used. It will never change with respect to any context in which it is used. Here, it is wrong to use *the earth moved round the sun*. It should have been *the earth moves round the sun*. Only part B has no error in it and therefore no correction is required in that part of the sentence whereas A, C and D have errors.

This makes option B the correct choice among the given options.

11. Whether you prefer a physical exchange for (A)/ cash and a digital process, there are myriad (B)/ ways to get money using gold. (C)/ No Error (D)

Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'and' with 'or'. As 'whether....or' is the correct conjunction pair.

12. The court said that the state and its officials (A)/ does not have the right to impose prior restraints on the publication (B)/ of materials that may be defamatory to the state.(C)/ No Error (D)

Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'does not have' with 'do not have' as plural subject has been used before it.

13. Do you think you could lend me (A)/ good pair of gloves (B) / to wear to the wedding (C) / No Error (D)

Ans.(b)

Sol. Use indefinite article 'a' before 'good pair of gloves'.

14. These are (A)/ his (B)/ conclusion remarks. (C)/ No error (D)

Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace verb 'conclusion' with 'adjective 'concluding'. 'Remark' being a noun will be qualified by an 'adjective' not by other 'noun'.

15. The shopkeeper offered either to exchange (A)/ the goods (B)/ or refund the money. (C)/ No error (D)

Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Either....or' being a connector should be placed properly in a sentence. Hence replace 'offered either to exchange' with 'offered to either exchange'.

DIRECTIONS(1-5) In the following questions, sentences are given with blank to the filled in with prepositions. Four alternative sets are suggested, for each question. Choose the correct preposition or set of prepositions as demanded by the question.

16. Despite his father's financial assistance he was always hard on

- (a) hard in
- (b) hard up
- (c) hard out
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(b)

Sol. hard up – to not have enough of something important or valuable.

Hard on: to treat or criticize somebody.

Hence, 'hard up' is the right usage.

17. When in doubt check it up with a good dictionary.

- (a) check it up in
- (b) check it in
- (c) check it with
- (d) No improvement

Ans.(b)

Sol. Here 'check it in' is the right usage, which means 'to check' authenticity against another.

18. The planet's average surface temperature has risen about 2.0 degrees Fahrenheit since the late 19th century, a change driving largely by increased carbon dioxide and other human-made emissions into the atmosphere.

- (a) drive largely by
- (b) driven largely by
- (c) driven largely to
- (d) No correction required

Ans. : B

'Driving largely by' is an incorrect form of the verb here and it should be replaced by the respective phrasal verb.

'Driven by' means providing the power to keep something working, or to make something happen.

'Driven by' is the correct phrasal verb that should be used here in this context.

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

19. By building dams across rivers, which create ponds and eventually change the rivers into wetlands, beavers help species to flourishing that would otherwise struggle.

- (a) to flourish
- (b) to flourished
- (c) to be flourished
- (d) No correction required

Ans. : A

According to grammar rule, the base form of the verb 'flourish' must be used with the infinitive 'to'.

Options other than option A don't have the base form of the verb. Hence, they are incorrect.

Option A is the right answer.

20. Recreation is a well known factor as far as improving physical and mental health is concerned and also a major variable in stress reduction.

- (a) Recreation being well known factor as far as
- (b) Knowing recreation as a well known factor as far as
- (c) Knowing of recreation is a well known factor for
- (d) No improvement required

Ans. : E

The sentence is absolutely correct and thus needs no improvement.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

21. There has been a lot of furore ever since the disclosure by them who maintain that it was an unauthorised act.

- (a) ever since the disclosure by those whom are maintaining that
- (b) ever since the disclosure by those who maintain that
- (c) ever since the disclosure because those who maintain that
- (d) No improvement required

Ans. : B

The phrase given should use the demonstrative pronoun *those* instead of *them*.

Option A is incorrect due to usage of 'whom' instead of *who*.

Option C is absurd and the word 'because' breaks the flow of the sentence.

Option D is incorrect as 'have been' is usually used for something that started in the past and has continued up until now.

Clearly, option B is correct.

22. Informal social control is the internalization of social norms and behaviour standards that allow a person to get along in their own society.

- (a) that allows a person to get along in
- (b) which allows a person to get along among
- (c) That allows a person getting along in
- (d) dissuading a person to get along in

(e) No improvement required

Ans. : (D)

Clearly, the sentence has no error and needs no improvement.

23. Modern industrialised communities have lost touch with the soil and do not experience that joy which nature gives and the rich glow of health that which comes from contact with mother earth.

- (a) which comes from contact with
- (b) which flows how from contact with
- (c) that which come out contact with
- (d) No improvement

Ans. (a)

Sol. 'That' and 'which' are not used together when they mean the same.

24. In India today, many of our intellectuals still talk in terms of the French Revolution and the Rights of Man, not appreciating that much has happened since then.

- (a) much might happen
- (b) much had happened
- (c) much has been happening
- (d) No improvement

Ans. (d)

Sol. No improvement.

25. He has been receiving no other message than an urgent telegram asking him to rush his village immediately.

- (a) asking him rushing at his village
- (b) asked him to rush his village
- (c) asking him to rush to his village
- (d) No improvement

Ans. (c)

Sol. The verb 'rush' takes preposition 'to' after it.

In the following question, 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.

26. The functions of Parliament are not only _____ in nature, but also considerable in volume.

- (a) Differently
- (b) Varied
- (c) Variable
- (d) Magnitude

Ans. (b)

Sol. incorporating a number of different types or elements; showing variation or variety.

27. Plantation crops _____ a large group of crops.

- (a) Declare
- (b) Substitute
- (c) Make
- (d) Constitute

Ans.(d)

Sol. Constitute -be (a part) of a whole

28. India is the largest _____ of mango, banana, cheeku and acid lime to other countries.

- (a) Discoverer
- (b) Manufacturer
- (c) Executor
- (d) Exporter

Ans. (d)

Sol. Exporter -to ship (commodities) to other countries or places for sale, exchange, etc.

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

29. Sentry

- (a) bandit
- (b) competitor
- (c) sentinel
- (d) foe

Ans.(c)

Sol. Sentry: a soldier stationed to keep guard or to control access to a place.

Bandit: a robber or outlaw belonging to a gang and typically operating in an isolated or lawless area.

Sentinel: a soldier or guard whose job is to stand and keep watch.

Foe: an enemy or opponent.

Hence option C is the correct synonym.

30. Digress

- (a) sojourn
- (b) meander
- (c) tarriance
- (d) regress

Ans.(b)

Sol. Digress: leave the main subject temporarily in speech or writing.

Sojourn: a temporary stay.

Meander: a road follow a winding course.

Tarriance: to delay

Regress: return to a former or less developed state.

Hence option B is the correct synonym.

31. Stumpy

- (a) rangy
- (b) pudgy
- (c) lanky
- (d) lofty

Ans.(b)

Sol. Stumpy: short and thick; squat.

Pudgy: a person or part of their body rather fat.

Lanky: ungracefully thin and tall.

Lofty: thick and resilient.

Hence option B is the correct synonym.

Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which is opposite to the meaning of the given word.

32. MUTILATE

- (a) instruct
- (b) induct
- (c) conduct
- (d) mend

Ans. (d)

Sol. MUTILATE- inflict a violent and disfiguring injury on. 'Mend' means to repair.

33. BEMOAN

- (a) rejoice
- (b) rejuvenate
- (c) complain

(d) cry

Ans. (a)

Sol. BEMOAN- express discontent or sorrow over (something). 'Rejoice' means to cheer up.

- 34. Bona fide**
(a) dangerous
(b) ingenuine
(c) pedantic
(d) a scholar

Ans (b)

Sol. Bona fide means genuine or in good faith. Hence, ingenuine is the correct answer.

Four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase bold in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning

35. When he went to claim insurance for his car, the agent said he hadn't a leg to stand on.

- (a) Had been injured in an accident.
(b) Was lame
(c) lack of evidence
(d) Would have to wait for some time

Ans.(c)

Sol. Not have a leg to stand on- to be in a situation where you cannot prove something

36. Winter was so bad that the nomadic tribesmen found it difficult to keep the wolf from the door.

- (a) Hunt wild animals
(b) Escape starvation
(c) Get woolen clothes
(d) Walk on ice

Ans.(b)

Sol. keep the wolf from the door- to maintain oneself at a minimal level; to keep from starving, freezing, etc.

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

37. "Alas! I have broken my grandfather's watch" said Amit.

- (a) Amit was sorrowful that he broke his grandfather's watch.
(b) Amit exclaimed sorrowfully that he has broken his grandfather's watch.
(c) Amit was sorrowful that he had broken his grandfather's watch.
(d) Amit exclaimed sorrowfully that he had broken his grandfather's watch.

Ans. (d) the sentence is an exclamatory one written in present perfect tense. Owing to the past verb in the reporting speech, it will become past perfect. The proper structure is given in option (d)

38. "Do you have anything to say on behalf of the accused?" said the judge finally.

- (a) The judge finally asked if he had anything to say on behalf of the accused.
(b) The judge finally ask that whether he had anything to say on behalf of the accused.
(c) The judge finally asked that if he has anything to say on behalf of the accused.
(d) The judge finally asked that if he has had anything to say on behalf of the accused.

Ans.(a) An interrogative sentence is never joined by 'that'. Other than the first option, everywhere else the same mistake has been made.

39. The Director said, "Can you dance?" and she said, "No".

- (a) The Director asked her if she could dance and she said that he couldn't.
(b) The Director asked her if she could do the dance and she said that she can't.

- (c) The Director inquired her if she can dance and she said that she can't.
(d) The Director asked her if she can dance and she said that she can't.

Ans.(a)- Indirect Narration- 'The Director asked her if she could dance and she said that she couldn't.' Owing to the past verb (said) in the reporting speech, the modal auxiliary 'can' will change into 'could'.

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.

40. Citrus peel tastes bitter.

- (a) Citrus peel is bitter when it is tasted.
(b) Citrus peel is bitter when tasted.
(c) Citrus peel has a bitter taste.
(d) Citrus peel is tasted bitterly.

Ans.(a)

Sol. If active voice is in the format– Sub + Verb + Adjective (quasi passive)

Passive Voice – S + H.V + Adjective + when + Pronoun (according to the Sub.) + H.V + V3

41. You are requested to dismiss him.

- (a) Please dismiss him.
(b) I request you to dismiss him.
(c) He requests you to dismiss him.
(d) I plead you to dismiss him.

Ans.(a)

Sol. Here, Imperative sentence is already given in Passive voice. In Imperative sentences, emphasizing a request or an order, Pattern is – Active Voice – (S + with/without Object)

Passive Voice – you are requested/ordered/forbidden + to + V1 + Object.

42. I would advise you not to get on the wrong side of your boss.

- (a) It would be advised by me not to get on the wrong side of your boss.
(b) It would be my advice not to get on the wrong side of your boss.
(c) You would be advised by me not to get on the wrong side of your boss.
(d) You would be advised by me to not get on the wrong side of your boss.

Ans.(c)

Sol. If Active voice is in the form of (Sub + modal + V1 + object.)

In Passive voice, (Object + modal + be + V3 + by+ Sub.)

Of the following options, select the correctly spelt word.

- 43. (a) compitition
(b) occurence
(c) innucuous
(d) repetition**

Ans. (d) Repetition

- (a) competition
(b) occurrence
(c) innocuous – (harmless)**

44. (a) rendesvu

- (b) rendezvous
(c) rendevou
(d) rendizvouz**

Ans (b) Rendezvous (a secret meeting place of love-birds)

Choose the correct alternative for the following phrases/ sentences.

45. A dramatic entertainment, in which performers express through gestures

- (a) Mimicry
- (b) Ham
- (c) Pantomime
- (d) Depiction

Ans.(c)

Sol. 'A dramatic entertainment, in which performers express through gestures' Means 'Pantomime'

46. An organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.

- (a) Conglomerate
- (b) Donation
- (c) Charity
- (d) Dole

Ans.(c)

Sol. 'An organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.' Means 'Charity'

47. To jump or dance around excitedly.

- (a) cavort
- (b) sulk
- (c) frisk
- (d) Antic

Ans.(a)

Sol. 'To jump or dance around excitedly.' Means 'To cavort'

The questions below consist of a set of labeled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

48. (P) In a strange way, it is the success in increasing production that has resulted in this adverse consequence.

(Q) The 'farm distress' in recent years has been partly on account of this situation, as the loss of income is beyond the ability, particularly of small farmers, to absorb.

(R) When output increases well beyond the market demand at a price remunerative to producers, market prices decline.

(S) And in the absence of an effective price support policy, farmers are faced with a loss in income, depending on how much the price decline is.

- A. PQRS
- B. RPSQ
- C. RSQP
- D. SQPR

Ans. (c) RSPQ

49. (P) I want to make it clear that the aim of terrorism is to divide.

(Q) This country and we are not going to be divided for one second.

(R) No matter how hard people try, this country and the entire Opposition are going to stand together,

(S) We are going to stand with our jawans and we are going to stand with the government.

- (a) PQRS

- (b) RPSQ
- (c) SRQP
- (d) SQPR

Ans. (a) PQRS

50. (P) Under the provisions of the 'RBI Circular' to meet a funding gap of nearly Rs. 8,500 crore, including proposed repayment of aircraft debt of Rs.1,700 crore.

(R) By converting part of their debt into equity for a consideration of Re. 1 and advancing more capital to give the airline a lifeline to enable it to achieve a turnaround.

(S) Jet Airways' board, considered and approved a bank-led provisional resolution plan (BLPRP) that proposes restructuring.

(Q) A consortium of commercial banks led by State Bank of India (SBI) will acquire a majority stake in Jet Airways (India) Ltd.

- QRSP
- QSPR
- SPRQ
- RSPQ

Ans. (a) QRSP

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