

MISCELLANEOUS TEST  
ENGLISH

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ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION

The following sentences are divided into four or five segments. Identify which part contains an error. There may be sentences without any error.

1. The problem is nothing else than a repeated attempt (A)/ to give a satisfactory answer to the question (B)/ of how prices are related to labour values.(C)/ No Error (D)

(a) Replace 'nothing else than' with 'nothing else but'. As 'else' is followed by 'but'.

2. Whatever may be the shape or size of the particles, (A)/ there is no scattered light in a direction more parallel (B)/ to the primary electric displacements.(C)/ No Error (D)

(b) Remove 'more' before 'parallel'. Words like parallel, golden, milky, lunar, round, circular, rectangular etc. are 'positive degrees' in appearance but superlative degrees of adjectives in meaning. And don't take 'more' or 'most' before them.

3. He allowed me to speak and after a month (A)/ he appreciated me for supplementing the (B)/ questions of the most appropriate points. (C)/ No Error (D)

(c) There is a preposition related error. Replace 'questions of' with 'questions with'. As 'supplement something with' is the correct usage.

4. They are faced with the task of dismantling (A)/ the state machineries in order to create (B)/ more democratic structures. (C)/ No Error (D)

(b) Replace 'machineries' with 'machinery'.

Machinery, Dirt, Dust, Traffic, Information, Electricity, Bread etc. are uncountable nouns and are used in singular form only.

5. Economic Survey 2019 estimates that India's (A)/ demand for total material would double (B)/ by 2030 at current rates of growth. (C)/ No Error (D)



(b) Replace 'would' with 'will' as the context is referring to the future.

6 - In the following question, 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'.

Owing to the (1)/ snow the (2)/ marks was unrecognisable. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Answer: No Correct Answer (Benefit to all)

7 - In the following question, 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'.

Acceptance is not about allowing everything to occur or to go on, (1)/ it is neither related to passivity and weakness, (2)/ nor is it about confirmation or mediocrity. (3)/ No error (4)

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

Answer: 3

8 - In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

She jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the bar table.

- 1) upon
- 2) up
- 3) in
- 4) into

Answer: upon

9 - In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

Sun is a \_\_\_\_\_ perfect sphere of hot plasma, with internal convective motion that generates a magnetic field.

- 1) nearly
- 2) near
- 3) about
- 4) more

**Answer: nearly**

10 - In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

**Hybrid**

- 1) Homogeneous
- 2) Composite
- 3) Pure
- 4) Love

**Answer: Composite**

11 - In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

**Discreet**

- 1) Described
- 2) Careful
- 3) Rash
- 4) Mundane

**Answer: Careful**

12 - In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the one which is opposite in meaning of the given word.

**Heed**

- 1) Care
- 2) Caution
- 3) Attention
- 4) Neglect

**Answer: Neglect**

**13 - In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the one which is opposite in meaning of the given word.**

**Articulate**

- 1) Unclear
- 2) Enunciate
- 3) Eloquent
- 4) Coherent

**Answer: Unclear**

**14 - Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.**

All the sound reasons

P : ever given for conserving

Q : to the conservation of wildlife

R : other natural resources apply

- 1) PRQ
- 2) RQP
- 3) PQR
- 4) QRP

**Answer: PRQ**

**15 - A sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.**

**She will finish the thesis in a fortnight.**

- 1) The thesis would be finished in a fortnight by her.
- 2) The thesis will finished by her in a fortnight.
- 3) The thesis will be finished by her in a fortnight.
- 4) A fortnight is required to finish the thesis.

**Answer: The thesis will be finished by her in a fortnight.**

**16 - A sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect Speech. Out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct Speech.**

**“I know her well” said Manisha.**

- 1) Manisha said that she knew her well.
- 2) Manisha said if she knows her well.
- 3) Manisha said that she knows her.
- 4) Manisha says that she knew her well.

**Answer: Manisha said that she knew her well.**

**17 - In the following question, a word has been written in four different ways out of which only one is correctly spelt. Select the correctly spelt word.**

- 1) Commiety
- 2) Committee
- 3) Comittee
- 4) Commitee

**Answer: Committee**

**Direction 13 to 17: 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.**

Now, what exactly does big business want? Though they cite some \_\_\_\_\_ worded performance indicators to compile the index, the true intention appears to be something \_\_\_\_\_. They want land at throwaway prices even \_\_\_\_\_ it is fertile agriculture land; they want licenses to be issued immediately even if the proposed activities are likely to result in environmental \_\_\_\_\_; they want labour laws to be favourable to them so it becomes easy to hire \_\_\_\_\_ fire and exploit workers; and they want the government to respond favourably to their ‘bailout’ demands from time to time so they can transfer their risk on to taxpayers, notwithstanding the fact that they enjoyed their profits during their heyday.

**18 - they cite some \_\_\_\_\_ worded performance**

- 1) cleverly
- 2) cleverer
- 3) cleverest
- 4) cleverness

**Answer: cleverly**

**19 - something \_\_\_\_\_. They want land at**

- 1) other
- 2) extra

- 3) added
- 4) else

**Answer: else**

**20 - prices even \_\_\_\_\_ it is fertile agriculture land;**

- 1) if
- 2) then
- 3) but
- 4) also

**Answer: if**

**21 - environmental \_\_\_\_\_; they want labour laws**

- 1) degrade
- 2) degrading
- 3) degraded
- 4) degradation

**Answer: degradation**

**22 - easy to hire \_\_\_\_\_ fire and exploit**

- 1) and
- 2) if
- 3) thus
- 4) so

**Answer: and**

**23 - In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.**

**After one's own heart**

- 1) Sharing or having one's tastes or views.
- 2) Infatuation with a person which is not reciprocated.
- 3) Memorise something by heart.
- 4) Don't have the courage to do something bad for a good person.

**Answer: Sharing or having one's tastes or views.**

**24 - In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.**

**Pull the wool over someone's eyes**

- 1) To protect someone.
- 2) To keep oneself warm.
- 3) Deceive someone by telling lies.
- 4) To pretend to be blind to the other person's bad behaviour.

**Answer: Deceive someone by telling lies.**

**25 - In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence.**

**A warning of impending danger**

- 1) Naive
- 2) Monition
- 3) Obtuse
- 4) Daft

**Answer: Monition**

**26 - In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence.**

**Concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty**

- 1) Foul
- 2) Aesthetic
- 3) Hideous
- 4) Gross

**Answer: Aesthetic**

**27 - In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which will improve the bracketed part of the sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select "no improvement".**

**We sat on the floor to eat dinner and he (appreciate) the fresh food my mother served.**

- 1) had appreciated
- 2) appreciated
- 3) will appreciate
- 4) no improvement

**Answer: appreciated**

**28 - In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which will improve the bracketed part of the sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select "no improvement".**

**We sat there (enjoy) the view.**

- 1) enjoyed
- 2) enjoying
- 3) enjoys
- 4) no improvement

**Answer: enjoying**

**29 - The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.**

Life is never meant to

- A-country like India
- B-be easy, especially if you
- C-live in a developing

- 1) BAC
- 2) ACB
- 3) BCA
- 4) ABC

**Answer: BCA**

**30- In the following question, four words are given out of which one word is correctly spelt. Select the correctly spelt word.**

- 1) stridancy
- 2) stridensy
- 3) stridansy
- 4) stridency

**Answer: stridency**

**In these questions, four words are given of which two are either most nearly same or opposite in meaning. Find the correct combination.**

**31. (a) Fathomed (b) Devastated (c) Ruined (d) Abrupt**

1. B- D
2. B- C
3. C-D



4. A-C

5. A-D

**Fathomed – Understood**

**Devastated- destroyed, Ruined**

**Abrupt – sudden**

**32. (a) Abundance (b) Incomparable (c) Projection (d) Plethora**

1. A-C

2. A-B

3. C-D

4. B-D

**5. A-D**

**Abundance- excessive**

**Incomparable – Unique**

**Projection- protrusion**

**Plethora – endless, more than necessary.**

**33. (a) Exorbitant (b) Expeditious (c) Quick (d) Quest**

1. C-D

2. A-B

3. A-D

**4. C-B**

5. None

**Exorbitant - (of a price or amount charged) unreasonably high.**

**Expeditious – quick**

**Quest- Search**

**34. (a) Germane (b) Generate (c) Reliable (d) Irrelevant**

1. B- D

2. B- C

3. A- B

4. C- D

**5. A- D**

**Germane- relevant**

**Generate- produce**

**Reliable- dependable**

**Irrelevant – not relevant**

**35. (a) Magnetic (b) Cherished (c) Valued (d) Forlorn**

1. C- D
2. A- B
3. B- D
- 4. B- C**
5. A- D

**Magnetic – (of a thing or a person) attractive**

**Cherished – valued, esteemed**

**Forlorn – lonely**

**Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it in the context of the passage.**

Our voyage was very prosperous, but I shall not trouble the reader with a journal of it. The captain called in at one or two ports and sent in his long-boat for provisions and fresh water, but I never went out of the ship still we came into the Downs, which was on the 3rd day of June, 1706, about nine months after my escape. I offered to leave my goods in security for payment of my freight, but the captain protested he would not receive one farthing. We took kind leave of each other, and I made him promise that he would come to see me at my house in Redriff. I hired a house and a guide for five shillings which I borrowed from the captain.

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**36. When the writer uses the word 'prosperous' to describe the voyage, he means that**

- (a)it made him rich
- (b)it made him healthy
- (c)it was very pleasant
- (d)it was uneventful

**Ans. (c) With regard to 'journey' it can be said that pleasant journey is being referred here. How can a journey be healthy for someone ? In passage as well there is no linkage of journey with the health of writer. So, option B can be rejected. Option D is also wrong as passage has no direct or indirect mention of eventless in the journey. Option A is incorrect for the same reason.**

**37. On the voyage, the author**

- (a)left the ship at intervals
- (b)was not able to leave the ship because it did not stop
- (c)never left the ship at all
- (d)never left the ship till they came into the Downs

**Ans. (d) Author has mentioned in third line of passage 'I never went out of the ship till we came into the Downs' So, statement of option D is clearly written and hence the obvious choice.**

**38. In the context of the passage, the word 'provisions' means**

- (a) mainly food
- (b) mainly security
- (c) money
- (d) mainly ammunition

**Ans. (a)** In a long ship journey which continues for months there is a need of fresh water and food. It can be inferred from the passage that Captain sent in his lifeboat for fresh water and foods. For food and related items word 'provisions' is used which means Cookery, the act of supplying or providing food, etc.

**39. For the payment of the author's freight, the captain**

- (a) kept his goods as security
- (b) refused to accept any money
- (c) protested against being paid only a farthing
- (d) accepted a sum of money

**Ans. (b)** 'Farthing' is a unit of money and in the passage captain was not willing to receive any money from the author as a friendly gesture. Farthing means – A coin formerly used in Great Britain worth one fourth of a penny.

**40. From the passage, it is clear that the captain's attitude to the author was**

- (a) one of hostility
- (b) one of indifference
- (c) one of extreme friendliness and kindness
- (d) one of disgust and irritation

**Ans. (c)** The passage shows relationship of author and captain in a positive light. As captain refused to take 'single penny for the services', 'author's invitation to captain' and 'borrowing of money from captain for home' are some examples that show that captain's attitude for the author was friendly and kind.