

Set 03

1. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the given word and click the button corresponding to it.

CUPIDITY

- (a) FEAR (b) FRIENDSHIP
(c) GREED (d) LOVE

Ans: (c) GREED

2. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word and click the button corresponding to it.

CAPTIVATE

- (a) DISTRACT (b) OBSCURE
(c) IMPRISON (d) RELEASE

Ans : (a) DISTRACT- Deflect/ Disquiet

(Captivate- Attract/ cause to be enamored;
Obscure- unknown/vague)

3. Four words are given, out of which only one word is spelt correctly. Choose the correctly spelt word and click the button corresponding to it.

- (a) Clandistine (b) Clandestine
(c) Clandistene (d) Clandestene

Ans : (b) Clandestine- 'secret/cloak-and-dagger'

(Questions 4 to 6) In the following questions, one part of the sentence may have an error . Find out which part of the sentence has an error and click the button corresponding to it. If the sentence is free error, click the "No error" option.

4. Can I have (a)/ a loaf of bread (b)/ and a jam jar ?
(c)/ No error(d)

Ans : (C) Use 'a jar of jam' in place of 'a jar jam';

5. Now that I am back at work, (a)/ I have beginning (b)/ to feel much better (c)/ No error (d)

Ans : (B) Use 'begun; in place of 'beginning'(have +v3)

6. The artist, plainly a better critic (a)/ than painter, destroyed what (b)/ he made over for ten years (c) No error (d)

Ans: (C) Use 'laboured' in place of 'made'

(Question: 7 to 9) The sentences given with blanks are to be filled with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. For each question, choose the correct alternative and click the button corresponding to it.

7. Never give your friends_____.

- (a) the cold arm (b) the cold elbow
(c) the cold shoulder (d) the cold hand

Ans : (c) the cold shoulder- 'A refusal to recognize someone you know

8. My mother upset the kettle of boiling water and_____ her hand.

- (a) scalded (b) Scolded
(c) scorched (d) wounded

Ans : (a) 'Scalded'- blister(burn with a hot liquid or stem)

'Scolded'- Nagger(someone who annoys people by constantly finding fault)

'Scorched' – Sunbaked/Adust (burned brown by the sun)s

9. His writing are_____mistakes.

- (a) brooded with (b) burst into
(c) replete with (d) boasted of

Ans : (c) Replete with – full

(Questions 10 to 12) In each of the questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase and click the button corresponding to it.

10. Cut a sorry figure

- (a) Did not stand straight
(b) Apologised for his remarks

(c) Created a wrong impression

(d) Made a poor impression

Ans : (d)Made a poor impression

11. To take to task

- (a) Forgave him
(b) Slapped him

(c) Gave him extra work

(d) Reprimanded him

Ans: (d) Reprimanded him

12. Bring to light

(a) Introduced

(b) Revealed

(c) Seen

(d) Brought to life

Ans: (b)Revealed

(Questions 13 to 15) Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/ sentences and click the button corresponding to it.

13. A job carrying no salary

(a) Honorary (b) Memonto

(c) Honorarium (d) Memorandum

Ans : (a)Honorary

[Memonto- Honorarium- A fee paid for a nominally free service.; Memorandum-A written proposal or reminder]

14. Act of stealing something in small quantities

(a) Pillage (b) Plagiarize

(c) Proliferate (d) Pilferage

Ans : (d) Pilferage

[Pillage-loot/ steal goods ;Plagiarize- take without reference from someone else's writing or speech;Proliferate- grow rapidly]

15. Pertaining to the west

(a) Celestial (b) Occidental

(c) Oriental (d) Terrestrial

Ans : (b) Occidental

[Celestial- heavenly/ supernal;Oriental-

Asian; Terrestrial- tellurian/ planetary/ concerned with the world or worldly matters]

(Question : 16 to 20) A sentence / a part of the sentence is underlined. Four alternatives are given to the underlined part which will improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative and click the button corresponding to it. In case no improvement is needed, click the button corresponding to "No improvement".

16. As soon as I arrived in home, I knew that something was wrong.

- (a) arrived by home (b) arrived home
(c) arrived my home (d) No improvement

Ans : (b) arrived home

(no use of 'in' after arrived)

17. Unfortunately I did not pass in the examination

- (a) I did not pass over
(b) I did not overcome
(c) I did not pass
(d) No improvement

Ans : (c) I did not pass

('in' is not used after 'I did not pass')

18. His powerful desire brought about his downfall.

- (a) His wishful desire
(b) His desire for power
(c) His eager desire
(d) No improvement

Ans : (b) His desire for power

19. Ramesh laid in the shade of a tree before he could walk further.

- (a) lied (b) lay
(c) lain (d) No improvement

Ans : (b) lay

(Use 'lay' 2nd form of lie (intransitive verb)) in place of 'laid'.

20. An education in handling money would imply the ability to oversee the consequences of overspending or overborrowing.

- (a) foresee (b) overlook
(c) overvalue (d) No improvement

Ans : (a) foresee

'Oversee' means- supervise (watch and direct);
'Foresee' means- foreknow/envision (realize beforehand)

Question (21 to 25) A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives and click the button corresponding to it.

A knowledge of grammar is essential for good speaking and writing, by which one's mind is judged. Studying grammar means hard work : it must be learned as a whole, with no part omitted, and it demands much thought and patience. But , once acquired , it can give a

lifetime's pleasure and profit. Its study requires no physical hardship , no special room or expenses. If people spent only their leisure time studying grammar they could master it in one year. The author learned it in less than a year. As a private soldier earning sixpence a day, he sat on his bed and studied. Unable to afford candle or oil, he read in winter by firelight (when it was his turn). If he could manage it thus, and with no outside encouragement, then any youth, however poor or busy, could do the same.

21. Why should we learn grammar ?

- (a) To develop speaking skills
(b) To develop writing skills
(c) To have a mastery over language
(d) To acquire good speaking and writing skills

Ans : (d) To acquire good speaking and writing skills

22. How does the world judge a man's mind?

- (a) By his dress
(b) By his manners
(c) By his appearance
(d) By his speech and writing

Ans : (d) By his speech and writing

23. How long would it take to gain mastery over grammar?

- (a) one year (b) six months
(c) Two year (d) Ten years

Ans : (a) One year

24. What is the occupation of the writer ?

- (a) Teacher (b) Soldier
(c) Artist (d) Clerk

Ans : (b) Soldier

25. The learning of grammar should be

- (a) Patient, thoughtful and holistic
(b) thoughtful, patient and piecemeal
(c) holistic, thoughtful and rapid
(d) thoughtful, rapid and piecemeal

Ans : (a) Patient, thoughtful and holistic

DIRECTIONS: In the following passage some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blank with the help of the alternatives given.

Gandhiji once said, "I would say that if the village perishes, India will perish too. India will be ...(26)... more India. Her own mission in the world will get ...(27)... The ...(28)... of the village is possible only when it is no more ...(29)... to Industrialization on a mass scale will ...(30)... lead to passive or active exploitation of the villagers as the problems ...(31)... competition and marketing come in. Therefore, we have to ...(32)... on the village being self-contained, manufacturing mainly for use. Provided this character of the village industry is ...(33)... there

would be no objection to villagers using even the modern machines and tools that they can make and ...(34)... to use. Only, they ...(35)... not be used as a means of exploitation of others.”

26. Fill ‘A’.

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| A. certainly | B. scarcely |
| C. much | D. no |

The Correct Answer is D
DETAILED SOLUTION

India will be no more India. It means India will not be same as she is now, India will change. Certainly means without doubt, of course. Scarcely means by a very small margin, barely.

27. Fill ‘B’.

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| A. lost | B. extension |
| C. elevated | D. flourished |

The Correct Answer is A
DETAILED SOLUTION

Lost here means no longer possessed, gone, forgotten. Extension means the act of getting longer, prolongation. Elevated means being positioned above a surface, lifted. Flourished means to grow vigorously, prosper.

28. Fill ‘C’.

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| A. rehabilitation | B. pruning |
| C. revival | D. devastation |

The Correct Answer is C
DETAILED SOLUTION

Revival here means the act of bringing something back to life, regeneration, rejuvenation. Rehabilitation means to restore to a former capacity. Pruning means to cut or trim. Devastation means to destroy, ruin.

29. Fill ‘D’.

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| A. denuded | B. exploited |
| C. contaminated | D. populated |

The Correct Answer is B
DETAILED SOLUTION

Exploited here means to open up for industrialization and harming itself through it. Denuded means to deprive of something important. Contaminated means to make unfit for use by addition of something harmful, pollute. Populated means colonize.

30. Fill ‘E’.

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| A. passionately | B. surprisingly |
| C. scarcely | D. necessarily |

The Correct Answer is D
DETAILED SOLUTION

Industrialization on a mass scale will necessarily lead to passive or active exploitation of the

villagers. Necessarily here means unavoidably, inescapably.

Passionately means having showing or expressing strong emotions or beliefs.

Scarcely means barely or hardly.

31. Fill ‘F’.

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| A. forming | B. enhancing |
| C. between | D. of |

The Correct Answer is D
DETAILED SOLUTION

Of is a preposition which here is used to join problems with competition and marketing. Of here means belonging to, relating to.

32. Fill ‘G’.

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| A. concentrate | B. ponder |
| C. imagine | D. ensure |

The Correct Answer is A
DETAILED SOLUTION

Concentrate here means to pay undivided attention (on the village being self-contained, manufacturing mainly for use.) Ponder means to give serious and careful thought.

Imagine means to form a mental picture of.

Ensure means to make sure, certain.

33. Fill ‘H’.

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| A. regained | B. neglected |
| C. maintained | D. thwarted |

The Correct Answer is C
DETAILED SOLUTION

Maintained here means to keep in an existing state, conserve, preserve, save. Regained means back to original condition. Neglected means to fail to give attention to. Thwarted means to stop something from happening.

34. Fill ‘I’.

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| A. prepare | B. afford |
| C. hesitate | D. propose |

The Correct Answer is B
DETAILED SOLUTION

Afford means to be able to do something without having problems.

35. Fill ‘J’.

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| A. can | B. could |
| C. need | D. should |

The Correct Answer is D
DETAILED SOLUTION

Only, they should not be used as a means of exploitation of others.”

Here should not is used to express the opinion of the speaker. Should and shouldn't is used to give advice and suggestions.

Could and couldn't are the past form of can and can't . Use them for ability in the past. Could can also be used for possibilities in future, polite

request.

Would and wouldn't are used for unreal, unlikely and imaginary situations.

Direction : In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect Speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct Speech and select your answer

36. "Please do not go away", she said.
A. She said please to her and not go away.
B. She told me not go away.
C. She begged that I not go away.
D. She begged me not to go away.

The Correct Answer is D

DETAILED SOLUTION

The subject is almost 'begging'. The object has to follow 'begging'. Hence, option (4) is correct.

37. He said to my servant, "Give me a glass of water."
A. He strongly asked for a glass of water to my servant.
B. He said to my servant that he wanted a glass of water.
C. He ordered my servant to give him a glass of water.
D. He strongly asked for a glass of water from my servant.

The Correct Answer is C

DETAILED SOLUTION

This is an imperative sentence and a command is given to the servant. Option (3) best explains the sense

A sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice and mark your Answer.

38. All his friend laughed at him.
A. He was laughed at by all his friends
B. He was laughed by all his friends
C. He was being laughed by all his friends
D. He was being laughed at by all his friends

The Correct Answer is A

DETAILED SOLUTION

the question is in active voice in the past tense in the form- subj+v2+object , in the passive voice it will be in the form—obj.+ was/were+ v3+by+sub, 'laughed' will always take preposition 'at'

39. He could have solved the problem.
A. The problem could be solved by him.
B. The problem could have solved by him.
C. The problem could have been solved by him.
D. The problem could solve by him.

The Correct Answer is C

DETAILED SOLUTION

The question is in active voice in the form— sub+modal+v1+obj , in passive voice it will be— obj+modal+been+v3+by+sub

Direction : In the following question, the sentence/passage is split into four part and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence and find out which of the four combinations is correct and mark it

40. P. four, a look of profound
Q. he hadn't answered the other
R. when I asked him why
S. exasperation crossed his broad face
A. PQRS B. PSRQ
C. RQPS D. RQSP

The Correct Answer is C

41. P. of legal information were
Q. the only potential sources
R. the family computer
S. and the big-screen TV
A. SPRQ B. PQRS
C. SPQR D. QPRS

The Correct Answer is D

42. P. people who sought his advice
Q. was absurd -- Marcus Arnold was a threat
R. on the one hand, the whole episode
S. to no one but himself and, perhaps, the
A. PQRS B. PSRQ
C. RQPS D. RQSP

The Correct Answer is D

43. P. I am reporting your abusive
Q. as an expert on this board
R. reputation, and my dignity
S. response, for it hurts my
A. PQRS B. PSRQ
C. RQPS D. RQSP

The Correct Answer is B

44. P. trouble finding people who
Q. events they couldn't know anything about
R. were willing to hold forth on
S. as usual, the producers had no
A. SPQR B. PQRS
C. SPRQ D. QPRS

The Correct Answer is C

Direction : Mark the correct spelling

45. A. Commission B. Commisson
C. Commision D. Comission

The Correct Answer is A

DETAILED SOLUTION

The correctly spelt word is 'commission'.