

Practice Set-10

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.

NEFARIOUS

- (a) EXCITED (b) WICKED
(c) RIGOROUS (d) BENIGN

Answer : (b) WICKED

(**Rigorous**- strict; **Benign**- pleasant and beneficial in nature or influence)

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.

INSULAR

- (a) COSMOPOLITAN (b) ISOLATED
(c) NARROW (d) PAROCHIAL

Answer : (a) COSMOPOLITAN means – ‘universal/worldwide’

(**Insular**- parochial/ suggestive of the isolated life of an island;
Isolated- scattered/separated; **Narrow**- limited in size or scope)

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) Accommodate (b) Accomodate
(c) Accommodate (d) Accomodate

Answer : Accommodate – adapt/oblige

(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. My friend’s actual job (a)/ involves a lot (b)/ of administration (c)/ No error (d)

Answer : (A) ‘Actual’ will not be used here

5. The students refused (a)/ to accept responsibility (b)/ for their acts (c)/ No error (d)

Answer : (C) Use ‘actions’ in place of ‘acts’

6. It is not possible for me (a)/ to give you the accurate date (c)/ No error (d)

Answer : (B) Use ‘scheduled’ in place of ‘accurate’.

Exa. [‘we will not cancel your holiday less than eight weeks before the scheduled departure date.’]

(Question: 7 and 8) 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. I waited _____ the train arrived.

- (a) as (b) until (c) since (d) after

Answer : until

8. The squadron leader ordered his men to _____ immediately.

- (a) fall in (b) fall out (c) fall off (d) fall on

Answer : (a) ‘fall in’ means- substitute/stand in

(**Fall out**- make out/fill in,; **fall off**- come off ,)

(Questions 9 to 11) 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.

9. Put up the shutters

- (a) Went out of business
(b) Experienced a downside
(c) Sold off assets
(d) Changed ownership
Answer : (a) Went out of business

10. A drop in a bucket

- (a) As much as possible
(b) Nothing at all
(c) A handsome amount
(d) A very insignificant amount

Answer. (d) A very insignificant amount

11. Draw a blank

- (a) Paint something
(b) Find no favour
(c) Oblige someone
(d) Teach someone

Answer : (b) Find no favour

(Questions 12 to 14) Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/ sentences and click the button corresponding to it.

12. A person who is new to a profession

- (a) Expert (b) Coach (c) Tutor (d) Novice

Answer : (d) Novice

13. That which makes one highly knowledgeable

- (a) Erudition (b) Irreverence (c) Irritability (d) Impulsiveness

Answer : (a) Erudition-learnedness/scholarship

(**Irreverence**-a disrespectful act/ violation ; **Impulsiveness**-urgency)

14. A state of emotional or intellectual separation.

- (a) Euphoria (b) Ecstasy
(c) Alienation (d) Communion

Answer : (c) Alienation- disaffections

(**Euphoria**-a feeling of great elation; **Ecstasy**- rapture/transport)

Question : 15 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”.

15. Do you mind me leaving this payment until next year ?

- (a) I (b) my (c) mine (d) No improvement

Answer : (b) My

16 In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active Voice/Passive Voice. Out of the four suggested alternatives, select the one which best expresses the same sentence

Saima mailed her application for a new job.

- a) The application for a new job had been mailed by Saima.
b) The application for a new job has been mailed by Saima.
c) The application for her new job has been mailed by Saima.
d) The application for a new job was mailed by Saima

17 In this 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:

She said to me, "It has been raining heavily and you cannot go"

- a) She told me that it had been rain ing heavily and I could not go.
- b) She told me that it was rain ing heavily and I could not go.
- c) She told me that it has been rain ing heavily and I could not go
- d) She told me that it is rain ing heavily and I could not go.

Questions(18 to 20): In these questions, the first and last sentence of the passage is numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R, S. These four parts are not given in proper order. Read the sentences and find out which of the four combinations is correct

18) A the most suitable materials

- B.because that is
- C.it of wood
- D.we made

- (a) CADB
- (b) ACBD
- (c) DCBA
- (d) BADC

Ans c

19) A get some peace

- B.he left home
- G. his parents could
- D. in order that

- (a) BDCA
- (b) CBDA
- (c) DC AB
- (d) ADCB

Ans a

20) A. coal as a fuel

- B.in place of wood
- C.during this period
- D.people were beginning to use

- (a) CDAB
- (b) DCAB
- (c) B D A C
- (d) A C D B

Ans a

Questions(21 to 25)YOU HAVE ONE BRIEF PASSAGE WITHLIVE QUESTIONS. READ THE PASSAGE CAREFULLYAND CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER TO EACH

QUESTION OUT OF THE FOUR ALTERNATIVES.

The Printing Press has made knowledge available to the vast multitude of people-Pray what kind of knowledge is it ? Is it of any permanent character ? Books have become common and when we say that books like the Sexton Blake series sell like hot cakes we have an index of the nature of knowledge which a typical person in a vast multitude seeks. Let me tell you of an incident that took place in America a few years ago. An American publisher printed a million copies of the works of Charles Dickens in the hope that he could easily sell them on the name of

the author. But to his disappointment not even the widest publicity and advertisement could enable him to sell the books. Being sorely tired he hit on a plan. He tore off the cover pages substituted covers containing sensational love headings for the titles and again advertised the new books. In a week all the books were sold out. We are not concerned here with the moral of the bookseller s action. What we have to note is that only books of a sensational type are really sought for by the ordinary folk who have a great aversion to serious study. So you will see that the grand argument that the Printing Press has made knowledge available even to the masses is certainly fallacious and quite misleading. To put it correctly it has created a taste for a low order of books.

Q21. Sexton Blake series are big sellers because they

- (a) disseminate knowledge.
- (b) are informative.
- (c) satisfy a typically serious reader.
- (d) are sensational.

Ans d

Q22. The American publisher had chosen the works of Charles Dickens to

- (a) give wide publicity to Dickens works.
- (b) offer the readers what best he could.
- (c) counter the trash.
- (d) make money easily.

Ans d

Q23. What is the main contention of the passage ?

- (a) To stress the popularity of the printing press.
- (b) To point out the disappointment of serious readers.
- (c) To shed light on the morale of the publishers.
- (d) To bring out the evil impacts of the printing press.

Ans c

Q24. The author s contention makes us feel that he

- (a) is unilateral in his argument.
- (b) is balanced.
- (c) is a typical critic.
- (d) argues convincingly.

Ans d

Q25. Who is Charles Dickens ?

- (a) A playwright.
- (b) An epic poet.
- (c) A short story writer.
- (d) A novelist.

Ans d