

Direction (1-15): 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.

Q1. Tina promised to come but she never turned _____.

- (a) in
- (b) off
- (c) down
- (d) up

S1. Ans.(d)

Sol. Turn in: to go to one's bed to sleep. Also to point, curve, or fold inwards

Turn off: to stop the operation, activity, or flow of something.

Turn down: to reject or refuse someone or something:

Turn up: put in an appearance; arrive.

Hence option D is the correct choice.

Q2. The river abounds _____ fish and crocodiles.

- (a) with
- (b) of
- (c) at
- (d) on

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Abound with: to be brimming with something plentiful. Hence the correct idiomatic expression is 'abound with'.

Q3. The Management gave us permission to _____ with the new curriculum.

- (a) go fixed
- (b) go about
- (c) go ahead
- (d) go around

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. Go ahead: proceed or be carried out or said to someone in order to give them permission to start to do something.

In the given context, the usage of 'permission' and 'new curriculum' implies that option C is the correct choice.

Q4. One should always set _____ some money for emergency.

- (a) aside
- (b) on
- (c) down
- (d) out



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S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. Set aside something: to save for a particular purpose.

Set on: to attack someone or something.

Set down: to state officially how something should be done.

Set out: to start an activity with a particular aim.

Hence option A is the most appropriate choice.

Q5. The authorities would not _____ to the strikers' demands.

(a) accept

(b) accede

(c) accession

(d) access

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. Accede means agree to a demand, request, or treaty and preposition 'to' is used after it.

Hence option is the correct choice.

Q6. We've had too little sleep and too _____ food, depriving our body on one hand and overloading it on the other!

(a) many

(b) more

(c) much

(d) None of the above

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Too much food' is the correct usage. As 'food' is an 'uncountable noun' and will take 'much' before it.

Q7. The bitter debate in the newspapers seems oddly _____ with the quiet, almost gentle argument between the two drivers.

(a) innocuous

(b) inclusive

(c) interesting

(d) incongruous

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. Innocuous: not harmful or offensive.

Inclusive: containing or including a particular thing.

Incongruous: unusual or different from what is around or from what is generally happening.

Hence option D is the most appropriate choice.

Q8. _____ in a massive data breach following the Cambridge Analytica scandal, Facebook has been reeling from a series of privacy scandals.

(a) exculpated

(b) embroiled

(c) endeared

(d) entreat

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Exculpate: show or declare that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing.

Embroil: involve (someone) deeply in an argument, conflict, or difficult situation.

Endear: to cause to become beloved or admired.

Entreat: ask someone earnestly or anxiously to do something.

Hence option B is the most appropriate choice.

Q9. The gathering finished in _____ after the United States President abruptly rejected its general agreement statement.

- (a) decorum
- (b) truce
- (c) congruity
- (d) disarray

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. Decorum: behavior in keeping with good taste and propriety.

Truce: an agreement between enemies or opponents to stop fighting or arguing.

Congruity: a point of agreement.

Disarray: a lack of order: a confused or messy condition.

Hence option D is the correct choice.

Q10. It is not easy to _____ a young horse.

- (a) break forth
- (b) break in
- (c) bear out
- (d) back down

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. Break forth: to burst out.

Break in: to accustom to a certain activity

Bear out: to confirm.

Back down: give up a claim.

Hence option B is the correct choice.

Q11. If the servers _____ when delivering orders, they will find themselves with a bunch of angry customers.

- (a) peruse
- (b) dawdle
- (c) spearhead
- (d) impound

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Peruse: examine.

Dawdle: to waste time by moving slowly.

Spearhead: lead.

Impound: confine.

Hence option B is the correct choice.

Q12. Head coach Tom Higgins is _____ on his team and will go with the same 40 men he used last week.

- (a) standing corrected
- (b) steaming mad
- (c) standing pat
- (d) striking oil

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. Stand corrected (idiom): to admit that you were wrong.
Stand pat (idiom): stick stubbornly to your opinion or decision.
Steaming mad (idiom): to be very angry.
Strike oil (idiom): to suddenly become rich or successful.
Hence option C is the correct choice.

Q13. Movement _____ a powerful tool for developing and practising mindfulness, in addition to the widely discussed health benefits.

- (a) had been provided
- (b) provided
- (c) provides
- (d) provide

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. Present indefinite Tense i.e. Base form of the verb is required. Also following subject-verb agreement rule, singular subject takes singular verb. Hence option C is the correct choice.

Q14. Mary and Peter hope counseling will help them repair the _____ in their marital union.

- (a) rupture
- (b) composition
- (c) endearment
- (d) rasp

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. Rupture: a breach of a harmonious relationship.
Hence option A is the correct choice.

Q15. The body is the _____ through which we absorb sensory perceptions of the world around us.

- (a) victim
- (b) conjecture
- (c) interstellar
- (d) conduit

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. Conjecture: an opinion or conclusion formed on the basis of incomplete information.
Interstellar: occurring or situated between stars.
Conduit: something that carries or moves information; a way of connecting two systems, etc.
Hence option D is the correct choice.

Directions (16-30): In the following questions, out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q16. Validate

- (a) Pass
- (b) Engage
- (c) Corroborate
- (d) Discredit

S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. Validate: check or prove the validity or accuracy of.
Corroborate: confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding).



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Q17. Squander

- (a) Hoard
- (b) Frivol
- (c) Collect
- (d) Defeat

S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. Squander: waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner.

Frivol: An idle diversion or pastime; to waste time on frivolous things.

Q18. Sulky

- (a) Soft
- (b) Happy
- (c) Trustful
- (d) Dismal

S18. Ans.(d)

Sol. Sulky: bad-tempered, and resentful; refusing to be cooperative or cheerful.

Dismal: causing a mood of gloom or depression.

Q19. Tarnish

- (a) Uncorrupt
- (b) Blot
- (c) Harass
- (d) Embellishment

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. Tarnish: to make or become less bright or a different color.

Blot: mark or stain (something).

Q20. Curtail

- (a) Expand
- (b) Enormous
- (c) Cramp
- (d) Prolong

S20. Ans.(c)

Sol. Curtail: reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on.

Cramp: inhibit the development of.

Q21. Aerial

- (a) Ground
- (b) Elevated
- (c) Settle
- (d) Level

S21. Ans.(b)

Sol. Aerial: existing, happening, or operating in the air.

Elevated: situated or placed higher than the surrounding area.

Q22. Stagnate

- (a) Fester
- (b) Grow
- (c) Persuade
- (d) Terminate

S22. Ans.(a)

Sol. Stagnate: to stop growing or developing and not show any signs of activity.

Fester: to be idle or inactive.

Q23. Defer

- (a) Hurry
- (b) Support
- (c) Aid
- (d) Stall

S23. Ans.(d)

Sol. Defer: put off (an action or event) to a later time; postpone.

Stall: stop or cause to stop making progress.

Q24. Genteel

- (a) Courteous
- (b) Callous
- (c) Impolite
- (d) Extroverted

S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. Genteel: characterized by exaggerated or affected politeness, refinement, or respectability.

Courteous: polite, respectful, or considerate in manner.

Q25. Blaze

- (a) Glow
- (b) Calm
- (c) Numbness
- (d) Unconsciousness

S25. Ans.(a)

Sol. Blaze: a large, strong fire.

Glow: a steady radiance of light or heat.

Q26. Scoff

- (a) Commend
- (b) Accept
- (c) Laud
- (d) Rag

S26. Ans.(d)

Sol. Scoff: speak to someone or about something in a scornfully derisive or mocking way.

Rag: make fun of (someone) in a boisterous manner.



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Q27. Rile

- (a) Gladden
- (b) Nettle
- (c) Oblige
- (d) Please

S27. Ans.(b)

Sol. Rile: make (someone) annoyed or irritated.

Nettle: irritate or annoy (someone).

Q28. Entail

- (a) Exclude
- (b) Debar
- (c) Enunciate
- (d) Necessitate

S28. Ans.(d)

Sol. Entail: involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence.

Necessitate: make (something) necessary as a result or consequence.

Q29. Exempt

- (a) Compel
- (b) Disfigure
- (c) Absolve
- (d) Twist

S29. Ans.(c)

Sol. Exempt: free (a person or organization) from an obligation or liability imposed on others.

Absolve: declare (someone) free from guilt, obligation, or punishment.

Q30. Apprise

- (a) Inform
- (b) Estimate
- (c) Admire
- (d) Require

S30. Ans.(a)

Sol. Apprise: inform or tell someone.

Direction (31-45): 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'.

Q31. My mother has (A)/ returned back to (B)/ Delhi day before yesterday. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S31. Ans.(b)

Sol. Remove 'back' after 'returned'.

Return: come or go back to a place or person.

Hence usage of 'back' with 'return' is superfluous and needs to be removed.

Q32. Our summer vacation is (A)/ between 10th May (B)/ to 10th June (C)/ No error (D)

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

S32. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'to' with 'and'. Correct conjunction pair is 'between....and'

Q33. Please note that you will be eligible for (A)/ the voucher only if you (B)/ had received this email. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S33. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'had received' with 'receive'. Simple future Tense +.....if + Subject + Present Indefinite Tense.

Q34. We know it is an extra early start to (A)/ your day, but we are certain (B)/ you too would like to contribute towards this. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S34. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

Q35. A lot of efforts may (A)/ fell like they (B)/ are going unnoticed. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S35. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'fell' with 'fall'.

'Subject + Modal + Base form of Verb' rule follows here.

Q36. Intrigued by this (A)/ problem, I began search (B)/ for a solution. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S36. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'search' with 'searching' or 'to search' as 'begin' is followed by either an infinitive (to + V1) or a gerund (V1 +ing).

Q37. We will not want our kids (A)/ to be influenced by (B)/ such TV serials. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S37. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

Q38. Many were alarmed by the possibility for (A)/surveillance and monitoring of personal computers (b)/ that this rule throws off. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S38. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'throw off' with 'throw up'

Throw off (phrasal verb): introduce errors or inaccuracies; to skew

Throw up (phrasal verb): to produce something new or unexpected; cause something new to exist.

Q39. While the exercise to regulate online content is necessary, (A)/ it is important that while framing such rules, a balance is struck between (B)/ legitimate public interest or individual rights. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S39. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'or' with 'and'. As there are two subjects 'public interest' and 'individual rights' to deal with, correct conjunction pair should be 'between....and'

Q40. Statutory norms relating to data protection are seen as essential (A)/to protect citizens from any breach of their information privacy; but (B)/ attempts to regulate online content are seen with suspicion. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S40. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace noun 'information' with adjective 'informational' to qualify the noun 'privacy'.

Informational (adjective): relating to or characterized by facts about something; providing information



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Q41. Forgiveness can play a reparative role (A)/ provided it is seen as complementary (B)/ to justice, not a substitute in it.(C)/ No Error

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

S41. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace preposition 'in' with 'for'. 'Substitute' takes 'for' with it.

Q42. What is more worrying is that many who are spewing venom on the actor (A)/ have no clue about his contributions; they are simply buying into (B)/ the bigotry on social media and castigating on him.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

S42. Ans.(c)

Sol. Remove 'on' after 'castigating'.

Castigate (verb): to criticize someone or something severely.

Redundant usage of 'on' after 'castigate' is wrong.

Q43. The Railways must identify hazard spots (A)/ for train movement in heavily built-up areas (B)/ and prevent trespass by barricading them. (C)/ No Error

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

S43. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

Q44. Instead of saying we don't understand what's going on, (A)/ or where we went wrong as individuals and a society, (B)/ the 'adult' thing to do is maintain equanimity. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S44. Ans.(c)

Sol. Add 'to' before 'maintain'.

Q45. The Indian Penal Code Of 1860 is a rich and detailed document, (A)/ listing a wide varieties of crimes that the natives (B)/ of that time were prone to commit.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

S45. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'varieties' with 'variety'.

Directions (46-50): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word and click the button corresponding to it.

Q46. SEAMY

- (a) Pure
- (b) Real
- (c) Steady
- (d) Timid

S46. Ans.(a)

Sol. Seamy: sordid & disreputable.

Hence Seamy and Pure are antonyms to each other.

Q47. EFFICACIOUS

- (a) Ineffective
- (b) Descent
- (c) Profound
- (d) Prompt

S47. Ans.(a)

Sol. Efficacious: successful in producing a desired or intended result, effective.

Hence Efficacious and Ineffective are antonyms to each other.

Q48. FORLORN

- (a) Unsociable
- (b) Joyful
- (c) Docile
- (d) Smooth

S48. Ans.(b)

Sol. Forlorn: pitifully sad and abandoned or lonely.

Hence Forlorn and Joyful are antonyms to each other.

Q49. UNHINGE

- (a) Dismay
- (b) Soothe
- (c) Unsettle
- (d) Chafe

S49. Ans.(b)

Sol. Unhinge: make (someone) mentally unbalanced.

Soothe: to make someone feel calm or less worried.

Hence Unhinge and Soothe are antonyms to each other.

Q50. TURPITUDE

- (a) Depravity
- (b) Virtue
- (c) Rakishness
- (d) Rot

S50. Ans.(b)

Sol. Turpitude: depraved or wicked behavior or character.

Depravity: moral corruption; wickedness.

Virtue: a quality considered morally good or desirable in a person.

Hence Turpitude and Virtue are antonyms to each other.

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