

Direction (1-15): 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'.

Q1. The parents decided it was worth the risk (A)/ because these children would have succumbed (B)/ their disease before adulthood. (C)/ No Error

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

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. Use preposition 'to' after 'succumbed'. Verb 'Succumb' is characterized by preposition 'to'. Moreover, 'Succumb to something' is an idiomatic expression which means to yield to something, especially a temptation, fatal disease, a human weakness, etc.

Q2. One thing we tend to overlook is that, in medicine, (A)/ there is always going to be (B)/ learning curve when it comes to new technology. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. Add article 'a' before noun 'learning curve'.

Q3. Researchers discovered that pupil dilation could be used (A)/ to indicating the mental workload of (B) a person in a multitasking environment. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'indicating' with 'indicate' following the rule 'Could be used' + 'to' + V1 (base form of verb).

Q4. The issues are very complex (A)/ and the problem is that they are bound to be obscured (B)/ by these hypocritical politicians (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error



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Q5. The first section of the road was surfaced and offered (A)/ resplendent views of the Suru Valley, with green fields (B)/ enclosed in poplars, willows and apricot trees. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'enclosed in' with 'enclosed by'. If a place is enclosed by something, the place is completely surrounded by it. Hence the correct preposition to use is 'by'.

Q6. Previous studies on workload and productivity includes(A)/ physical aspects, such as how much a person walks or carries, but (B)/ they do not take into account a person's state of mind. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S6. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'includes' with 'include'. Following the Subject-Verb agreement rule, 'Plural Subjects' take 'Plural verb' with them, 'Previous Studies' will take 'include' instead of 'includes'.

Q7. She dislikes (A) / you being most organized (B) / than she is. (C) / No error (D)

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

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'most' with 'more'. As the comparison is between only 'two persons'.

Q8. He is proficient in Hindi (A) / and can speak English (B) / but he does not know to read and write English. (C) / No error (D)

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

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'he does not know to read and write English' with 'he does not know how to read and write English'. As 'Know + how + infinitive i.e. to + V1' is the proper usage in grammar.

Q9. By the time she was seven, (A)/ she could play a (B)/ dozen songs through ear. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'through ear' with 'by ear'. 'Play something by ear' is an idiom which means 'to be able to play a piece of music after just listening to it a few times, without looking at the notes'.

Q10. Could she cite (A) / any precedent in support (B)/ for her care? (C) / No Error (D)

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

S10. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'for' with 'of'. 'Of her care' is the right usage.

Q11. As the world and particularly India faces growing challenges (A)/ that threaten the future of the planet, CSE has built up (B)/ expertise and credibility to make difference. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. Add indefinite determiner 'a' before 'difference'. As 'make a difference' is an idiomatic expression.

Q12. The president has called this meeting in order to (A)/ end the current political unrest and conflict situation and to allow (B)/ the normal functioning of the parliament. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S12. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

Q13. A neighbor said the killer ambushed Eric (A)/ and shot him dead right after the grandfather (B)/ brought a child into his house. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. Following the grammar rule, "Subject1 + V2 +.....+ Subject2+ had+V3 +...". Add 'had' before 'brought'.

Q14. The officer asked the recruit (A)/which district (B)/he came from. (C)/No error (D)

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

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. No error

Q15. The young prince alone rose to the height of the (A)/ occasion, and set his face to such cowardly counsels, and he (B)/ had the enthusiastic support of the great majority of the people. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. There is a preposition related error. Replace 'set his face to' with 'set his face against'.



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Direction (16-30): 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.

Q16. Most of the houses in rural Assam are built on stilts to _____ floods and earthquakes.

- (a) succumb to
- (b) withstand
- (c) capitulate
- (d) lapse

S16. Ans.(b)

Sol. Withstand: remain undamaged or unaffected by; resist.

Lapse: pass gradually into (an inferior state or condition).

Hence option B is the correct choice.

Q17. Surveying the spectacular scenery from the Indian side, even as we dipped our toes in its cold waters, was _____, to say the least.

- (a) choleric
- (b) orgulous
- (c) exhilarating
- (d) chronic

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. Orgulous: haughty.

Exhilarating: making one feel very happy, animated, or elated; thrilling.

Hence option C is the correct choice.

Q18. Formulation of the Common National Standards was _____ to standardize facilities and services that would be available to tourists.

- (a) insipid
- (b) insinuate
- (c) imperative
- (d) impertinent

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. Insipid: lacking flavour; weak or tasteless.

Insinuating: provoking a change of outlook and especially gradual doubt and suspicion.

Imperative: of vital importance; crucial.

Impertinent: not showing proper respect; rude.

Hence option C is the correct choice.

Q19. To protest the move, the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), a _____ of nine bank unions has called for a nation-wide strike.

(a) consortium

(b) corrigendum

(c) allusion

(d) referendum

S19. Ans.(a)

Sol. Consortium: an association, typically of several companies.

Corrigendum: a thing to be corrected, typically an error in a printed book.

Allusion: an expression designed to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly; an indirect or passing reference.

Referendum: a general vote by the electorate on a single political question which has been referred to them for a direct decision.

Hence option A is the correct choice.

Q20. As soon as I get on campus, I plan on requesting a schedule change because two of my classes are _____.

(a) interlocutor

(b) coeval

(c) entwined

(d) intertwined

S20. Ans.(b)

Sol. Interlocutor: a person who takes part in a dialogue or conversation.

Coeval: of the same age or existing at the same time as another person or thing.

Entwine: wind or twist together; interweave.

Intertwine: cross or be crossed intricately together; interweave.

Hence option B is the correct choice.

Q21. The morning light had only then begun _____ and the mountains turned red as the sun made its way up.

(a) of strengthening

(b) to strengthening

(c) for strength

(d) to strengthen

S21. Ans.(d)

Sol. The infinitive case 'to + V1' will be used with 'begun'. Hence Option D is the correct choice.

Q22. Browsing the festive store window displays nearby, I come across a bright green shopfront, _____ with the most intricate Christmas ornaments.

- (a) blemished
- (b) denuded
- (c) adorned
- (d) divested

S22. Ans.(c)

Sol. Blemish: spoil the appearance or quality of (something).

Denude: to remove a valuable possession or quality.

Adorn: make more beautiful or attractive.

Divest: deprive something of (a particular quality).

Fitting in the context, option C is the correct choice.

Q23. Prominent among them is an embellished clock with a _____ of Lady Justice

- (a) figurine
- (b) vestige
- (c) remnant
- (d) dregs

S23. Ans.(a)

Sol. Figurine: a statuette, especially one of a human form.

Remnant: a part or quantity that is left after the greater part has been used, removed, or destroyed.

Dregs: the most worthless part or parts of something.

Hence option A is the correct choice.

Q24. Leaving the huge art collection behind, I wander through the quaint Old Town's streets and steep inclines _____ I stumble across a decorated doorway.

- (a) neither
- (b) because
- (c) so
- (d) until

S24. Ans.(d)

Sol. Stumble: trip or momentarily lose one's balance; almost fall.

Until: up to (the point in time or the event mentioned).

Fitting in the context, option D is the correct choice.

Q25. She used to _____ in the college canteen, surrounded by a crowd of admirers.

- (a) lose ground
- (b) hold court
- (c) be the fit of blues
- (d) be a small fry

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. Hold court (idiom): to be surrounded by people who listen to what you say because they consider you interesting or important.

Q26. The bank _____ his house as he had failed to pay the instalments despite repeated warnings.

- (a) mobbed
- (b) confiscated
- (c) hijacked
- (d) captured

S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. Confiscate: take or seize (someone's property) with authority.
Hence option B is the correct choice.

Q27. The officer walked in front, leaning on a stick and _____ limping.

- (a) marginally
- (b) imperceptibly
- (c) slightly
- (d) a little

S27. Ans.(c)

Sol. Slightly: to a small degree; not considerably.
Hence option C is the correct choice.

Q28. Technological improvements did not decrease human beings' _____ to wage war.

- (a) routine
- (b) propensity
- (c) nature
- (d) pattern

S28. Ans.(b)

Sol. propensity: an inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way.
Hence option B is the correct choice.

Q29. _____ between the staff and management led to eventual collapse of the business.

- (a) Readiness
- (b) Abrasion
- (c) Irritation
- (d) Friction

S29. Ans.(d)

Sol. friction: conflict or animosity caused by a clash of wills, temperaments, or opinions.
Hence option D is the correct choice.

Q30. _____ eye witnesses, the news reporter said that six armed men robbed the bank.

- (a) Eluding
- (b) Observing
- (c) Quoting
- (d) Referencing

S30. Ans.(c)

Sol. Quoting: to iterate or to perform or utter repeatedly.
Hence option C is the correct choice.

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Directions (31-45): Choose among the following that best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q31. FLAGRANT

- (a) Burial
- (b) Blatant
- (c) Lethal
- (d) Repose

S31. Ans.(b)

Sol. Flagrant: conspicuously offensive.

Blatant: (of bad behavior) done openly and unashamedly.

Hence Flagrant and Blatant are synonyms to each other.

Q32. REDACT

- (a) Revise
- (b) Regain
- (c) Restrict
- (d) Remind

S32. Ans.(a)

Sol. Redact: prepare for publication or presentation by correcting, revising, or adapting.

Hence Redact and Revise are synonyms to each other.

Q33. APHORISM

- (a) Adage
- (b) Conundrum
- (c) Enigma
- (d) Throng

S33. Ans.(a)

Sol. Aphorism: a pithy observation that contains a general truth.

Adage: a proverb or short statement expressing a general truth.

Hence Aphorism and Adage are synonyms to each other.

Q34. INCINERATE

- (a) shake
- (b) burn
- (c) polish
- (d) abuse

S34. Ans.(b)

Sol. Incinerate: destroy (something, especially waste material) by burning.

Hence Incinerate and Burn are synonyms to each other.

Q35. INDIGNANT

- (a) Useless
- (b) Exasperated
- (c) Scoundrel
- (d) Indecent

S35. Ans.(b)

Sol. Indignant: feeling or showing anger or annoyance.

Exasperated: annoyed, especially because you can do nothing to solve a problem.

Hence Indignant and Exasperated are synonyms to each other.

Q36. CONSORT

(a) Fiend

(b) Assailant

(c) Contrast

(d) Spouse

S36. Ans.(d)

Sol. Consort: a wife, husband, or companion, in particular the spouse of a reigning monarch.

Fiend: an evil spirit or demon.

Assailant: a person who physically attacks another.

Spouse: a husband or wife, considered in relation to their partner.

Hence Consort and Spouse are synonyms to each other.

Q37. FOIST

(a) Aid

(b) Displace

(c) Thrust

(d) Steal

S37. Ans.(c)

Sol. Foist: impose an unwelcome or unnecessary person or thing on.

Thrust: force (someone) to accept or deal with something.

Hence Foist and Thrust are synonyms to each other.

Q38. SNUB

(a) Revere

(b) Discern

(c) Embolden

(d) Affront

S38. Ans.(d)

Sol. Snub: rebuff, ignore, or spurn disdainfully.

Revere: to show devoted deferential honor to.

Discern: to recognize or identify as separate and distinct.

Embolden: give (someone) the courage or confidence to do something.

Affront: offend the modesty or values of.

Hence Snub and Affront are synonyms to each other.

Q39. TOPPLE

(a) Uprise

(b) Depose

(c) Acclaim

(d) Rest

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S39. Ans.(b)

Sol. Topple: remove (a government or person in authority) from power; overthrow.

Depose: remove from office suddenly and forcefully.

Acclaim: praise enthusiastically and publicly.

Hence Topple and Depose are synonyms to each other.

Q40. HANKER

(a) Crave

(b) Despise

(c) Shun

(d) Disturb

S40. Ans.(a)

Sol. Hanker: feel a strong desire for or to do something.

Crave: feel a powerful desire for (something).

Despise: feel contempt or a deep repugnance for.

Shun: persistently avoid, ignore, or reject (someone or something) through antipathy or caution.

Hence Hanker and Crave are synonyms to each other.

Q41. OVERSTRUNG

(a) Desirable

(b) Prosperity

(c) Repetition

(d) Restive

S41. Ans.(d)

Sol. Overstrung: extremely nervous or tense.

Restive: unwilling to be controlled or be patient.

Hence Overstrung and Restive are synonyms to each other.

Q42. WALLOW

(a) Suffer

(b) Sacrifice

(c) Luxuriate

(d) Confess

S42. Ans.(c)

Sol. Wallow: (of a person) indulge in an unrestrained way in something that one finds pleasurable.

Luxuriate: enjoy (something) as a luxury; take self-indulgent delight in.

Hence Wallow and Luxuriate are synonyms to each other.

Q43. SOZZLED

(a) Cultured

(b) Drunk

(c) Coward

(d) Fiery

S43. Ans.(b)

Sol. Sozzled: very drunk

Hence Sozzled and Drunk are synonyms to each other.

Q44. OB DURATE

- (a) Helpful
- (b) Adamant
- (c) Simple
- (d) Flexible

S44. Ans.(b)

Sol. Obdurate: stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action.

Adamant: refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind.

Hence Obdurate and Adamant are synonyms to each other.

Q45. FRACTIOUS

- (a) Affable
- (b) Skinny
- (c) Contented
- (d) Cantankerous

S45. Ans.(d)

Sol. Fractious: irritable and quarrelsome.

Cantankerous: bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative.

Hence Fractious and Cantankerous are synonyms to each other.

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. BLOVIATE

- (a) Bluster
- (b) Orate
- (c) Be quiet
- (d) Declaim

S46. Ans.(c)

Sol. Bloviate (verb): talk at length, especially in an inflated or empty way.

Hence Bloviate and Be quiet are antonyms to each other.

Q47. FACTUAL

- (a) Imaginary
- (b) Idealistic
- (c) Eluding
- (d) Verbal

S47. Ans.(c)

Sol. Factual: concerned with what is actually the case; based on facts.

Imaginary: existing only in the imagination.

Hence option C is the correct antonym.

Q48. UPTURN

- (a) Soar
- (b) Upheave
- (c) Slump
- (d) Recline

S48. Ans.(c)

Sol. Upturn: an improvement or upward trend,

Slump: a sudden severe or prolonged fall.

Hence Upturn and Slump are antonyms to each other.

Q49. INDENTURE

- (a) Pit
- (b) Protrusion
- (c) Hollow
- (d) Dint

S49. Ans.(b)

Sol. Indenture: a legal agreement, contract, or document, in particular:

Protrusion: something that protrudes; a protuberance.

Hence Indenture and Protrusion are antonyms to each other.

Q50. DEMENTED

- (a) Sensible
- (b) Attract
- (c) Authentic
- (d) Extract

S50. Ans.(a)

Sol. Demented: behaving irrationally due to anger distress or excitement

Sensible: done or chosen in accordance with wisdom or prudence.

Hence Demented and Sensible are antonyms to each other.

