

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. Speaking hastily makes us judgemental; that's where we begin (A)/ making boundaries and go back with a very (B)/ boxed idea of the place and people one visit. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'visit' with 'visits'. 'One' being a 'singular subject' takes 'singular verb' with it.

Q2. This is a most (A)/ interesting book I (B)/ have ever read. (C) No Error (D)

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

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'a' with 'the'.

Superlative degree of adjective takes definite article 'the' before it.

Q3. He was surprised as (A)/ well as pleased with (B)/ her performance.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. Add 'at' after 'surprised'. If two verbs take different prepositions, then both prepositions should be mentioned specifically after each verb being connected with a conjunction.

Moreover 'Surprise with' is used when you want to convey how one surprises the other and 'Surprise at' is used generally to indicate the cause of surprise. Hence 'at' is the correct preposition to use with 'surprise' in the given context.

Q4. If you don't get some sleep (A)/ when you go to home, you won't be (B)/ able to relieve me tonight. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. Remove preposition 'to' before noun 'home'. 'Home' doesn't take any 'preposition' before it if the verbs qualifying it are 'go', 'get', 'reach', 'arrive' and 'bring'.

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Q5. Eyewitnesses said that the military police (A)/ still exchanged fires with the (B)/ attackers on last night. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Remove 'on' before 'last night'. As 'tonight, tomorrow morning, yesterday, yesterday evening, the last day, the next day' don't take prepositions before them.

Q6. She did die without (A)/ specifying her heirs of (B)/ those seven trusts. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. Heir 'to' some property and Heir 'of' somebody. This is the correct prepositional usage regarding 'heir' to be followed in the given context. Hence Part B has the error.

Q7. Since the Smiths are (A)/ very religious, they always try to (B)/conform with the practices of their faith. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'with' by 'to'.

Conform 'to' a norm while Conform 'with' one's opinion.

This is the correct prepositional usage regarding 'conform' to be followed in the given context. Hence Part C has the error.

Q8. We want to open doors (A)/ for people with disabilities to (B)/ travel the way they wanted. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'wanted' with 'want'. The sentence is in Present Indefinite Tense which takes 'base form' of the verb.

Q9. Also, as an artist the more you contemplate in nature, (A)/ the more you understand that there is another (B)/ universe where we are superfluous.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

Q10. As I was a practising artist, I could come to the city (A)/ and show my work at Kumar Gallery (B)/ with other major artiste.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

S10. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'artiste' with 'artists'.

Artist: a person whose creative work shows sensitivity and imagination.

Artiste: a public performer (a dancer or singer). Hence fitting in the context, 'artists' is the correct usage.

Q11. Not only did they offer him (A)/ good salary but provided (B)/ him with a beautiful bungalow. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. In second part of the sentence use "but also" in place of "but".

As "not only but also" is the correct conjunction pair.

Q12. I finished my household chores (A)/ before he reached (B)/ to my place after so long. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S12. Ans.(a)

Sol. Grammar rule "Subject + had + V3+ + before + subject + V2" will be followed. Hence replace "finished" with "had finished".

Q13. I am vexed at him (A)/ for what he has (B)/ done with us till date. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. Vexed: annoyed.

Vexed takes preposition 'at' for a thing and 'with' for a person.

Hence replace 'at' by 'with'.

Q14. The Manager warned his team members (A)/ that if they persist in their (B)/ obstructionist attitude they would be punished. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. As the main clause is in past tense then the subordinate clause should be in past tense as well thus “persist” should be replaced with “persisted”.

Q15. He did not go (A)/ to the hospital on foot (B)/ he went there by the car. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. ‘By the car’ should be replaced with ‘by car’ as it just shows the mode of transportation thus, “the” should not be used in between by and car.

Directions (16-30): Each of the following sentences has a black space and four words are given below it. Select the word you consider most appropriate for the blank space.

Q16. To ease unrest in our company, the boss made a speech to _____ policy changes were coming.

- (a) repudiate
- (b) aver
- (c) confute
- (d) arraign

S16. Ans.(b)

Sol. Aver: to verify or prove to be true in pleading a cause.

Repudiate: to reject as untrue or unjust.

Confute: to overwhelm in argument.

Arraign: to find fault with; censure.

Hence option B is the correct choice.

Q17. Even though I was nervous during my presentation, I tried to project a _____ of calmness while speaking.

- (a) surmise
- (b) semblance
- (c) veracity
- (d) fence

S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. Semblance: an outward appearance of something; an assumed appearance.

Surmise: suspect.

Hence option B is the correct choice.

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Q18. At that time he _____ a novel for two months.

- (a) had been writing
- (b) was writing
- (c) had been written
- (d) should written

S18. Ans.(a)

Sol. An action that began before a certain point of time in the past and was continuing at the given point of time in the sentence. Time expressions like since last year, for last year/few days are generally put after perfect continuous tense.

Hence option A is the correct choice.

Q19. He did not go because he was busy yesterday. I wish he _____ with you.

- (a) would go
- (b) could go
- (c) were gone
- (d) has had gone

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. With the word 'wish', 'could' is used when we wish that something that has happened already should have happened otherwise. Hence option B is the correct usage.

Hence option B is the correct choice.

Q20. The force of the storm caused the chairs to _____ on the deck of the cruise ship.

- (a) unbend
- (b) straighten
- (c) ascend
- (d) careen

S20. Ans.(d)

Sol. Careen: to move swiftly in an uncontrollable manner, sometimes from one side to another side.

Hence option D is the correct choice.

Q21. Politicians requested both the warring communities to _____ restraint.

- (a) depict
- (b) enforce
- (c) show
- (d) exercise

S21. Ans.(d)

Sol. Restraint means a rule or an agreement that prevents something from growing or increasing.

Depict: portray in words; describe.

Enforce: cause (something) to happen by necessity or force.

Exercise: an action or actions intended to improve something or make something happen.

But as a request is made, only option D fits in the context.

Q22. Mary and Peter hope counseling will help them repair the _____ in their marital union

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

S22. Ans.(a)

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

Q23. Providence smiles _____ those who are diligent.

- (a) with
- (b) in
- (c) upon
- (d) through

S23. Ans.(c)

Sol. Here 'upon' is used as more formal term for 'on', especially in abstract senses.
Hence option C is the correct choice.

Q24. The baby looked _____ the toffee with greedy eyes.

- (a) upon
- (b) into
- (c) in
- (d) at

S24. Ans.(d)

Sol. Look upon: to consider or think of someone or something in a stated way.

Look at someone/something: to direct your eyes towards someone or something so that you can see them.

Hence option D fits in the context.

Q25. The government allocated Rs 1,000 Cr for _____ of historical monuments.

- (a) resurrection
- (b) revival
- (c) resumption
- (d) restoration

S25. Ans.(d)

Sol. Resurrection: a supposed act or instance of a dead person coming back to life.

Resumption: the action of beginning something again after a pause or interruption.

Revival: an improvement in the condition, strength, or fortunes of someone or something.

Restoration: the action of returning something to a former owner, place, or condition.

Hence option D fits in the context.

Q26. Put your own house_____ order before preaching others.

- (a) within
- (b) into
- (c) in
- (d) to

S26. Ans.(c)

Sol. In order: in the correct condition for operation or use.
Hence option C fits in the context.

Q27. The High Court judge _____ the orders passed by the district court.

- (a) quashed
- (b) squashed
- (c) killed
- (d) rented

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. Quashed: reject as invalid, especially by legal procedure.
Squashed: crush or squeeze (something) with force so that it becomes flat, soft, or out of shape.
Hence option A is the correct choice.

Q28. His success is worthy of _____.

- (a) copying
- (b) aping
- (c) simulation
- (d) emulation

S28. Ans.(d)

Sol. Simulation: a situation or event that seems real but is not real, used especially in order to help people deal with such situations or events.
Emulation: effort to match or surpass a person or achievement, typically by imitation.
Hence option D fits in the context.

Q29. As the improvement in his situation was _____, the doctor did not discharge him.

- (a) marginal
- (b) tiny
- (c) microscopic
- (d) negated

S29. Ans.(a)

Sol. Marginal: relating to or at the edge or margin.
Hence option A is the correct choice.

Q30. The unruly behavior of the parliamentarians _____ the speaker.

- (a) incensed
- (b) estranged
- (c) mitigated
- (d) disparaged

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S30. Ans.(a)

Sol. Incensed: very angry; enraged.

Estranged: (of a person) no longer close or affectionate to someone; alienated.

Disparaged: regard or represent as being of little worth.

Hence option A is the correct choice.

Directions (31-32): In these questions some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and indicate it corresponding to the appropriate letter. If there is no error, indicate corresponding to the last option.

Q31. But there is no open dissent at Buddhism, (A)/ and those who discard its dogmas still, (B)/as a rule, venerate it as an ethical system. (C)/ No Error (D)

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

S31. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'at' with 'from'.

Dissent means hold or express opinions that are at variance with those commonly or officially held and it takes preposition 'from' after it.

Q32. Garry warned the man with the yellow hat (A)/ not to intrude off the meeting or that he (B)/ would have to lock the door. (C)/ No Error (D)

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

S32. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'off' with 'on'.

Intrude means 'to come or enter without invitation, permission, or welcome; to trespass' and takes preposition 'on' with it.

Directions (33-34): Each of the following sentences has a black space and four words are given below it. Select the word you consider most appropriate for the blank space.

Q33. Using different _____ processes, the pharmaceutical residues in the water were recovered and analyzed.

(a) extrication

(b) extermination

(c) exasperation

(d) extraction

S33. Ans.(d)

Sol. Extrication: the act of releasing from a snarled or tangled condition.

Extermination: killing, especially of a whole group of people or animals.

Exasperation: a feeling of intense irritation or annoyance.

Extraction: the process of removing something, especially by force.

For e.g. The extraction of minerals has damaged the countryside.

Hence option D is the most appropriate choice.

Q34. Uncontrolled discharge of drug-containing _____ in our rivers and other water bodies can potentially make many microbes drug-resistant.

- (a) affluent
- (b) effluents
- (c) amulets
- (d) influents

S34. Ans.(b)

Sol. Affluent: a tributary stream.

Effluent: liquid waste or sewage discharged into a river or the sea.

Amulet: an ornament or small piece of jewellery thought to give protection against evil, danger, or disease.

Influent: a stream, especially a tributary, which flows into another stream or lake.

Hence option B fits in the context.

Directions (35-36): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

Q35. The number of pilgrims descending on the Sagar Island to take a dip at the place where the Ganga meets the Bay of Bengal, (have risen) from 2 lakh in 1990 to 20 lakh in 2018.

- (a) have been risen
- (b) are rising
- (c) has risen
- (d) No Improvement

S35. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'The number of + Plural Noun' is followed by a 'singular verb'. Hence option C is the correct choice.

Q36. As a loving parent, I believe praise is more (efficacious) than punishment as a form of discipline

- (a) unavailing
- (b) counterproductive
- (c) abortive
- (d) No Improvement

S36. Ans.(d)

Sol. Efficacious(adjective): having the power to produce a desired effect.

Hence no improvement is needed.

Directions (37-38): In the following question, out of the four alternatives select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Q37. By the book

- (a) by deceptive means
- (b) to reach a conclusion after a complete investigation
- (c) to have a passion for literature
- (d) strictly according to the rules

S37. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option D is the correct meaning.

Q38. Odds and ends

- (a) Mixed feelings
- (b) Miscellaneous things
- (c) Poor condition
- (d) Unfounded reasons

S38. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B is the correct meaning.

Directions (39-40): There are four different words out of which one is correctly spelled. Find the correctly spelled word.

Q39. (a) apihelion

- (b) apheleion
- (c) aphelion
- (d) aphileon

S39. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is correctly spelt.

Q40.(a) dessication

- (b) desiccation
- (c) desicattion
- (d) desiccation

S40. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B is correctly spelt.

Directions (41-45): 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.

Q41. Due to poor organic matter

P- in soil is below the required

Q- incorporation, organic carbon

R- level in most parts of India

- (a) RPQ
- (b) PQR
- (c) QPR
- (d) PRQ

S41. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct sequence is 'QPR'.

Q42. Out-of-the-box statecraft

P- economic growth

Q- would bring dividends

R- in peace of mind, savings and

- (a) RQP
- (b) QRP
- (c) PRQ
- (d) PQR

S42. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct sequence is 'QRP'.

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Q43. Is our national identity

P- needs to be shrouded in a
Q- of such a loose character that it
R- cloak of anodyne conformity?

- (a) QPR
- (b) RQP
- (c) PQR
- (d) PRQ

S43. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct sequence is 'QPR'.

Q44. This is what comes

P- who sits below the Finance Minister
Q- and not consulting the economist
R- out of not knowing economics

- (a) QRP
- (b) RQP
- (c) PRQ
- (d) PQR

S44. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct sequence is 'RQP'.

Q45. The pith helmets

P- gone, but the blood
Q- has never dried
R- may have long

- (a) RPQ
- (b) RQP
- (c) PQR
- (d) QPR

S45. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct sequence is 'RPQ'.

Directions (46-50): Read the passage, carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

The environment comprises all the physical, social and cultural factors and conditions influencing the existence or the development of an organism. Due to indiscriminate industrialization, man has created a state of decadence. He has continuously tampered with nature which has resulted in the threat to the sustenance of mankind. Although, attempts have been made to restore nature to its previous state of purity and serenity, the efforts have not been whole-hearted. Earth is the home we all share and would pass on to our future generations as their legacy. But if they inherit the present state of the world, they would be unable to sustain themselves. Man has steadily improved the technologies and other means

necessary for higher production of wealth and for the availability of devices that could give more physical and mental pleasures. The industrial revolution led to a drastic escalation of earth's surface temperature. Man exploited nature for his benefits, without any foresight as to what the implications of his actions would be. Indiscriminate industrialization resulted in urban migration as the rural poor settled in cities in search of opportunities. Cities, already facing a population crisis could not accommodate the migrants and this led to the development of slums. This has resulted in increased pressure on the available resources and further degradation of the environment.

Q46. A state of decadence has come about because of

- (a) Indiscriminate utilization of resources
- (b) Due to half-hearted attempts
- (c) Natural disasters
- (d) None of the above

S46. Ans.(d)

Q47. Why would the future generations find it difficult to live on the earth?

- (a) Due to global warming
- (b) Because they would have inherited an overexploited environment
- (c) Because they would rely only on technology
- (d) Due to lack of sustainability

S47. Ans.(b)

Q48. Implication means

- (a) After effects
- (b) Explicit statement
- (c) Wrong doing
- (d) Causes

S48. Ans.(a)

Q49. The theme of the passage is

- (a) Environmental degradation
- (b) Environmental pollution
- (c) Crisis faced by the modern world
- (d) All of the above

S49. Ans.(a)

Q50. Industrialization has resulted in

- (a) Overpopulation
- (b) Crowding of cities
- (c) Migration of people to the cities
- (d) Both (b) and (c)

S50. Ans.(d)

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