

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. If the opulence of gold leaf decoration (A)/was not enough, the Catherine Palace built (B)/ in 1717 by Catherine I, has an Amber room. (C/ No Error (D)

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

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'if' with 'as if'.

As if: used to describe how a situation seems to be; used when you are giving a possible explanation for something or saying that something appears to be the case when it is not.

For e.g. They stared at me as if I was crazy.

Q2. Surprisingly there was free seating and (A)/ therefore one have to be (B)/ at the venue early. (C/ No Error (D)

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

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'have to be' with 'had to be'.

The sentence is in 'Past Indefinite Tense' which will take past form of the verb with it.

Q3. Imbued at the magnificent art and (A)/ architecture of St. Petersburg, I reluctantly (B)/ tore myself from it. (C/ No Error (D)

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

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. There is a preposition related error.

Replace 'at' by 'with'.

Imbue means inspire or permeate with (a feeling or quality) which takes the preposition 'with' with it.

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Q4. A charming festival seeks to celebrate this oral tradition of storytelling, (A)/ bringing together artists from around the world (B)/ to rebel in this intangible heritage. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. The beginning of the sentence takes place on a cheerful note leaving a positive impact on the reader which bags for the usage of affirmative words in subsequent part of the sentence. But 'rebel' (to refuse to obey rules or people in authority) doesn't justify its use in any context. However 'revel': enjoy oneself in a lively and noisy way, especially with drinking and dancing, justifies its usage in the sentence thus fits in the context.

Q5. With the poetic backdrop of the city's lakes and palaces, (A)/ Udaipur Tales will bring together artistes with strong storytelling (B)/ traditions from India and around the world. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S5. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

Q6. Weddings may be made in heaven, (A)/ but they sure are planned, agonized (B)/ over and staged above earth. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. There is a preposition related error.

Replace 'above' with 'on'.

Above as a preposition stands for 'in or to a higher place than' which is not appropriate to use in the given context.

Q7. Unlike a supernova, the star does not (A)/ go on to die but returns to (B)/ its early state after the explosion. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'early' with 'earlier'.

Early(adj.): happening or done before the usual or expected time.

Earlier (adj.): previous.

Hence 'earlier' fits in the context.

Q8. Transient phenomena such as supernova (A)/ are important parts of time-domain astronomy (B)/ which is a less-explored frontier in astronomy. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'supernova' with its plural form 'supernovae'.

According to the subject-verb agreement rule, 'Plural subject' takes 'plural verb' with it.

Q9. In 2017, the Kerala government began a program (A)/ called Suchitwa Sagaram to prevent dump of nets, (B)/ and to bring back plastic litter as well. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'dump' with 'dumping'. Verb 'Prevent' takes gerund (V1 +ing) with it.

Q10. If large birds eat larger plastic pieces, small fish (A)/ tend to swallow microplastic: particles measuring less than (B)/ 5 mm, which large plastic disintegrates into. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S10. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

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 neighbour 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, “Sub + V2 +.....subject+ had+V3 +...”, add ‘had’ before ‘brought’.

Q14. The convicts were originally awarded death sentence by the trial court (A)/ and the same was upheld by the Supreme Court, but on a review petition (B)/ their sentence was commuted to life two years ago. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

Q15. When Mr. Rupam extended an invitation to Mr. Abraham to make a state visit to his country (A)/ at his earliest convenience, the President had accepted the invitation (B)/ and Mr. Rupam also agreed to President Abraham’s invitation to him(C). No Error (D)

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

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. Remove ‘had’ before ‘accepted’. The sentence is in Simple Past Tense and thus superfluous usage of ‘had’ before the verb ‘accepted’ is wrong.

Directions (16-30): In the following question, out of the four alternatives select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Q16. Fine and Dandy

- (a) Miserable
- (b) Repetition
- (c) Extraneous
- (d) Excellent

S16. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option D is the correct meaning.



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Q17. Odds and ends

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

S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B is the correct meaning.

Q18. In a bind

- (a) In the night time
- (b) In many parts
- (c) In a difficult situation
- (d) In a secure place

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is the correct meaning.

Q19. Long and the short of it

- (a) The drawbacks of something
- (b) The duration of something
- (c) The ignorable part
- (d) The main idea

S19. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option D is the correct meaning.

Q20. Out of the loop

- (a) Not privy to the most up-to-date information
- (b) To leave a group to join another
- (c) Not to be affected by the outer factors anymore
- (d) To become a destitute again

S20. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option A is the correct meaning.

Q21. Vote with one's feet

- (a) To kick someone out
- (b) To show disapproval
- (c) To stop someone from speaking
- (d) To choose someone as a leader

S21. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B is the correct meaning.

Q22. Puts by

- (a) To save
- (b) To lose
- (c) Give away
- (d) To spend carefully

S22. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option A is the correct meaning.

Q23. Scope out

- (a) To admit defeat
- (b) To make a preliminary inspection
- (c) To accompany someone safely to their home
- (d) To unexpectedly upset or confuse someone

S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B is the correct meaning.

Q24. 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

S24. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option D is the correct meaning.

Q25. Farm out

- (a) to reach a final decision
- (b) to try to solve a problem for a long time
- (c) give work or responsibilities to other people
- (d) to work out on one's own issues

S25. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is the correct meaning.

Q26. No dice

- (a) to say no to deceive someone
- (b) to refuse to be a part of a game show
- (c) certainly not possible
- (d) no drama

S26. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is the correct meaning.

Q27. White elephant

- (a) to discuss something honestly and directly
- (b) an expensive item that is troublesome or useless
- (c) to be very involved in something that you think is important
- (d) to have a special love for faunas

S27. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B is the correct meaning.

Q28. Round the twist

- (a) fail to achieve a result
- (b) distraction from the real issues
- (c) go crazy
- (d) to ruin your pleasure or plans

S28. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is the correct meaning.

Q29. Go round the houses

- (a) criticize or scold severely
- (b) unnecessarily long time to get to the point
- (c) to get utterly destroyed
- (d) be ready for something

S29. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B is the correct meaning.

Q30. Kick up a row

- (a) to serve in an exemplary manner
- (b) to be popular
- (c) to take a right decision
- (d) to start a fight

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option D is the correct meaning.

Direction (31-32): 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. Budget travel by train from one side of the country (A)/ to the another takes about four days and may involve (B)/ switching trains depending on the chosen routes. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S31. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'another' with 'other'.

Another: used to refer to an additional thing of the same type as one already mentioned; further.

Other: The other end/side means the opposite end or side.

Q32. For maximum flexibility and ease and to (A)/ tour America in an adventurous way, (B)/ hiring a car is a best option. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S32. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace determiner 'a' with 'the'. The superlative degree of adjective is defined by article 'the'.

Direction (33-34): 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.

Q33. If the servers _____ when delivering orders, they will find themselves with a bunch of angry customers.

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

S33. Ans.(b)

Sol. Peruse: examine.

Dawdle: to waste time by moving slowly.

Spearhead: lead.

Impound: confine.

Q34. 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

S34. 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.

Directions (35-36): Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q35. CORNUCOPIA

- (a) Abundance
- (b) Undersupply
- (c) Misconduct
- (d) Prolixity

S35. Ans.(a)

Sol. Cornucopia: an amount or supply more than sufficient to meet one's needs.

Hence option A is the correct synonym.

Q36. SPECKLE

- (a) Cleanse
- (b) Halt
- (c) Mumble
- (d) Mottle

S36. Ans.(d)

Sol. Speckle: mark with a large number of small spots or patches of color.

Mottle: mark with spots or smears of color.

Hence option D is the correct synonym.

Directions (37-38): 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.

Q37. SKIRT

- (a) Circumvent
- (b) Dodge
- (c) Confront
- (d) Gabble

S37. Ans.(c)

Sol. Skirt (verb): attempt to ignore; avoid dealing with.

Confront: face up to and deal with (a problem or difficulty).

Hence option C is the correct antonym.

Q38. REBUT

- (a) Approve
- (b) Quash
- (c) Defame
- (d) Cease

S38. Ans.(a)

Sol. Rebut: claim or prove that (evidence or an accusation) is false.

Approve: officially agree to or accept as satisfactory.

Hence option A is the correct antonym.

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.



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Q40.

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

S40. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B is correctly spelt.

Directions (41-45): A passage is given with 5 questions following 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.

This rule of always trying to do things as well as one can do them has an important bearing upon the problem of ambition. No man or woman should be without ambition, which is the inspiration of activity. But if one allows ambition to drive one to attempt things which are beyond one's own personal capacity, then unhappiness will result. If one imagines that one can do everything better than other people, then envy and jealousy, those twin monsters, will come to sadden one's days. But if one concentrates one's attention upon developing one's own special capacities, the things one is best at, then one does not worry over much if other people are more successful.

Q41. Which one of the following alternatives brings out the meaning of 'to have a bearing upon' clearly?

- (a) to have an effect on
- (b) to carry the weight on oneself
- (c) to put up with
- (d) to decrease friction

S41. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Bearing upon' means having the effect on.

Q42. Which one of the following statements is correct?

- (a) There is a close relationship between ambition and activity.
- (b) Ambition and activity belong to two different areas.
- (c) Ambition is useless.
- (d) Activity is responsible for ambition.

S42. Ans.(a)

Sol. There is a close relationship between ambition and activity. Ambition is the inspiration for activity.

Q43. The statement 'if one allows ambition to drive one to attempt things which are beyond one's own personal capacity, then unhappiness will result, means that:

- (a) One must always try to do less than one's capacity.
- (b) One must always try to do more than one's capacity.
- (c) Ambition must be consistent with one's capacity.
- (d) There should be no ambition at all.

S43. Ans.(c)

Sol. Ambition must be consistent with one's capacities. If the capacities do not match with the ambition, then it results in failure.

Q44. Which one of the following statements best reflects the underlying tone of the passage?

- (a) One must do everything as well as one can.
- (b) One must try to be better than others.
- (c) One must continuously worry about others.
- (d) One must try beyond one's capacity to get results.

S44. Ans.(a)

Sol. One must try to do their best in everything they do so as to achieve good results.

Q45. Which one of the following statements can be assumed to be true?

- (a) It is good to imagine oneself better than others.
- (b) One should not imagine oneself always to be better than others.
- (c) All persons have equal capacity
- (d) One should have more ambition than others.

S45. Ans.(b)

Sol. One should not imagine oneself always to be better than the others. Others should always be treated as equal and one must concentrate on one's capacities instead of competing with others.

Directions (46-50): Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q46. STERNUTATION

- (a) Hardening
- (b) Sneezing
- (c) Trepidation
- (d) Reversal

S46. Ans.(b)

Sol. Sternutation: the action of sneezing.

Hence Sternutation and Sneezing are synonyms to each other.

Q47. INCINERATE

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

S47. Ans.(b)

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

Hence Incinerate and Burn are synonyms to each other.

Q48. UNDULATE

- (a) Oscillate
- (b) Encourage
- (c) Delay
- (d) Decline

S48. Ans.(a)

Sol. Undulate: move with a smooth wave-like motion.

Oscillate: move or swing back and forth in a regular rhythm.

Hence Undulate and Oscillate are synonyms to each other.

Q49. OVERSTRUNG

- (a) Desirable
- (b) Prosperity
- (c) Repetition
- (d) Restive

S49. 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.

Q50. WALLOW

- (a) Suffer
- (b) Sacrifice
- (c) Luxuriate
- (d) Confess

S50. 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.



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