

EXPLANATION

Direction: From the options given below, pick the one that best completes the sequence:

1. UMPIRE : MATCH :: ARBITRATOR : ?

- a) Dispute b) Land
c) Country d) Game

Answer (a)

Explanation: An umpire referees a match. Similarly, arbitrators referee disputes and arguments. Hence, the correct option is (a).

Direction: Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject.

2. Aron, together with his wife ___ the guests of the party.

- (a) greets (b) greet
(c) greeting (d) are greeting

Answer (a)

Explanation: When there are two subjects joined by connector 'together with', the verb in the sentence agrees with the first subject of the sentence. Hence, the correct option is (a).

Direction: Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it.

Mark the incorrect part as your answer.

3. (A) Investors

(B) are averse to

(C) putting down the money without legal formalities.

(D) No error

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

Answer: (c)

Explanation: The correct phrasal verb will be 'putting in' and not 'putting down' in (c).

Direction: Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

4. INSCRUTABLE

- (a) difficult (b) mysterious
(c) inflexible (d) wary

Ans: (b)

Explanation: 'Inscrutable' means impossible to understand or interpret; similar word is mysterious.

Directions: Select the most appropriate opposite of the given word.

5. EXPOUND

- (a) besmirch (b) confuse
(c) confine (d) condemn

Ans: (b)

Explanation: to 'expound' means to explain; to confuse, or confound, is the opposite of expound

Direction: Choose the correct phrasal verb for the blank space in the question.

6. The teenagers were ___ by the police for manhandling the old lady.

- (a) pulled up (b) pulled for
(c) pulled off (d) pulled down

Answer: (a)

Explanation: "Pulled up" means detained.

7. If Immanuel ___ a lot of money for buying a car, he would ___ gone to some tourism destination with you.

- (a) Have – have (b) Had had – have
(c) Have had – have (d) Has had - have

Answer: (b)

Explanation: In third conditional, the expression of unreal past condition here will be 'had ... had' followed by 'have' + past participle.

Direction: Read the passage carefully and answer the following question.

8. The introduction of mandatory helmet rule for two wheeler riders have sent a wave of protests across the city. Most of the youngsters thinks it is unnecessary and considers it to be an irritant and takes away the pleasure of riding. Traffic police and transport authorities, however, point out the recent statistics of grievous injuries and fatality, recorded from time to time, for this rule enforcement. It shows that two wheeler riders who wore helmets have an almost 70 percent less chance of near death or fatal injuries.

Which of the following, if true, would weaken the argument given above?

- (a) Hospital records show that the accident victims who wore helmets suffered severe brain injuries due to high impact during collision.
(b) After the helmet rule, youth have started using other means of transport.
(c) The accident victim in the official statistics suffered minor limb injuries.
(d) The statistics given by the police and transport authority is erroneous because of inadequate data collection and miscalculation.

Ans: (a)

Explanation: It is putting up a point which is contrary to the safety that a helmet provides.

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Safety and avoidance of fatal injuries is what the lawmakers have focused on in the passage.

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9. The image of Cadburys chocolates took a beating when consumers found worms in some of the Cadburys products. The sales of Cadburys products dipped considerably despite the fact that the company has been in India for more than 50 years and its chocolates are immensely popular. Consumers who found worms in the chocolates told media persons that the chocolates were brittle, full of holes and had lost their colour and moisture. Reacting sharply, the public relations officer of the company said that all their products go through stringent quality checks before reaching the dealers and distributors. The company also told that the chocolates had instructions on their labels that it has to be stored in a cool, dry place and away from sunlight.

What can be inferred from the passage?

- (a) Cadburys is excessively bothered about its public image.
- (b) Cadburys is not really responsible for the chocolates because the retailers are at fault for poor storage.
- (c) The Public Relations Officer of Cadburys is a glib talker.
- (d) Cadburys is lying about its quality checks.

Ans: (b)

Explanation: Rest of the point doesn't qualify as an inference of the passage. They are generalization and non-relevant points.

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Direction: Choose the appropriate phrasal verbs for the blank spaces given in the questions.

12. We should try to ___ the racist attitude in the society.

- (a) do with
- (b) do away with
- (c) do away
- (d) do way

Ans: (b)

Explanation: do away with means to remove or put an end to something.

Direction: Choose the appropriate meanings of the idioms given below.

13. Gird up one's loins

- (a) get ready for a job
- (b) leave bag and baggage
- (c) hunt for lions
- (d) a loin cloth

Ans: a

Direction: Choose the appropriate prepositions for the blank spaces given in the questions.

14. After working too hard for too long, the toil has come to tell ___ health.

- (a) at
- (b) up
- (c) in
- (d) on

Ans: (d)

Direction: Choose the appropriate option.

15. Hardly had the man ___ talking, when his followers collected money from the people.

- (a) had finished
- (b) have finished
- (c) finishes
- (d) finished

Ans: (d)

Explanation: When the first clause has a past perfect tense, 'had finished', the following clause should have a simple present tense 'finished'.

Direction: Select the correct option to fill in the blank.

16. The Managing Director and the Chairman of the company ___ fresh funding for survival.

- (a) had required
- (b) is requiring
- (c) require
- (d) requires

Ans: (c)

Explanation: When two subjects with preceding article 'the' is joined by conjunction 'and', the following verb should be plural. Hence 'require'.

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Directions: Fill in the blank with the appropriate question tag.

17. None can do this, ____?
 (a) can they? (b) must they?
 (c) couldn't they (d) should they?

Ans: (a)

Explanation: When the subject statement is 'none' which is also negative, the subject of the question tag should be positive, 'can' and the question tag should be 'they'.

Directions: Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.

18. In a good essay, it is important to ____ expert opinion.
 (a) sight (b) slight
 (c) cited (d) cite

Ans: (d)

Explanation: The word 'cite' means 'refer as evidence', especially for scholarly work.

Directions – Spot the error part in the sentence.

19. (A) Either
 (B) Simran cooperates
 (C) or she goes her own way.
 (D) No error
 (a) (A) (b) (B) (c) (C) (d) (D)

Ans: (a)

Explanation: The subject 'Simran' of this sentence has to be placed before 'either' to avoid the structural error.

Directions – Spot the error part in the sentence.

20. (A) Just outside my house
 (B) are a playground
 (C) for school boys and girls.
 (D) No error
 (a) (A) (b) (B) (c) (C) (d) (D)

Ans: (b)

Explanation: 'House' is singular. Hence, the following verb should be 'is' and not 'are'.

Choose the appropriate pronoun for the blank space.

21. We earns as many points as ____
 (a) they (b) he
 (c) them (d) our

Ans: (a)

Explanation: 'We' is a subjective pronoun. Hence, the following pronoun should also be subjective. So, 'they'.

Choose the adverb that fits into the blank appropriately.

22. We are ____ much worried about it.
 (a) very (b) so
 (c) too (d) extremely

Ans: (a)

Explanation: 'so' and 'too' are to be followed by a comparison. Since, the sentence doesn't have any comparison the answer is 'very'.

Choose the conjunction that fits into the blank appropriately.

23. Scarcely had I completed the paragraph ____ the lights went off.
 (a) than (b) either
 (c) when (d) then

Ans: (c)

Explanation: 'Scarcely' and 'when' are correlated conjunction. Hence, answer is 'when'.

Choose the appropriate prepositions for the blank space.

24. The Chairman presided ____ the shareholders' meeting.
 (a) on (b) for
 (c) over (d) at

Ans: (c)

Choose the appropriate words for the blank space.

25. He had rather ____ than compromised his ethics.
 (a) starve
 (b) been starving

- (c) have been starving
 (d) starved

Ans: (d)

Explanation: When the first clause has a past perfect tense, 'rather starved', the following clause should have a simple present tense 'compromised'.

Directions – Spot the error part in the sentence.

26. (A) Remember that you are a part of
 (B) the team and your success depends on the support
 (C) you are able to give and get from your other team members.
 (D) No error.

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

Ans: (c)

Explanation: give 'to' and get 'from'

Directions - Choose the appropriate meanings of the idioms given below.

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27. Go abegging
(a) go in vain
(b) go for begging
(c) beg for leaving
(d) request for something

Ans: (a)

Directions - Choose the appropriate word(s) for the blank space.

28. I ___ working all afternoon and have just finished the assignment.

- (a) have been (b) had been
(c) shall be (d) am

Ans: (b)

Explanation: First clause is Past perfect Tense, so the second clause is Simple Past Tense.

Directions - Choose the appropriate phrasal verbs for the blank spaces given in the questions.

29. The thieves ___ with all the wedding jewellery.

- (a) made out (b) made off
(c) made for (d) made up

Ans: (b)

Exp: **made off** means to leave hurriedly, especially in order to avoid duty or punishment.

Directions - Choose the appropriate prepositions for the blank spaces given in the questions.

30. She hurt her arm when she fell ___ her bike.

- (a) out (b) off
(c) of (d) for

Ans: (b)

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Answer key:

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| 1. (a) | 2. (a) | 3. (c) | 4. (b) | 5. (b) | 6. (a) | 7. (b) | 8. (a) |
| 9. (b) | 10. (b) | 11. (b) | 12. (b) | 13. (a) | 14. (d) | 15. (d) | 16. (c) |
| 17. (a) | 18. (d) | 19. (a) | 20. (b) | 21. (a) | 22. (a) | 23. (c) | 24. (c) |
| 25. (d) | 26. (c) | 27. (a) | 28. (b) | 29. (b) | 30. (b) | | |