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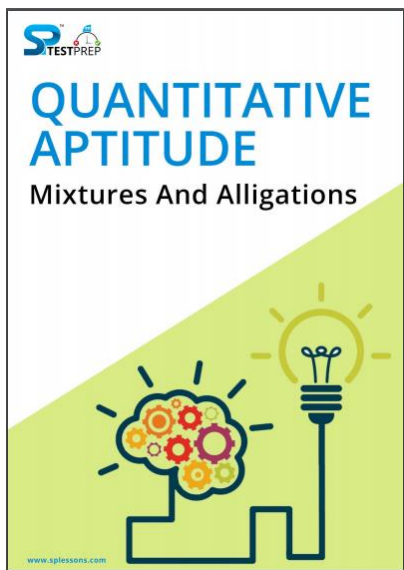
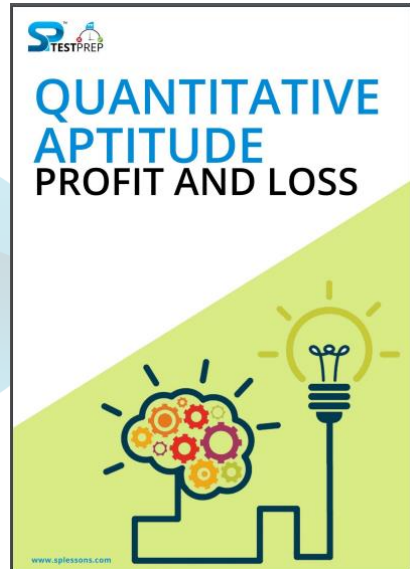
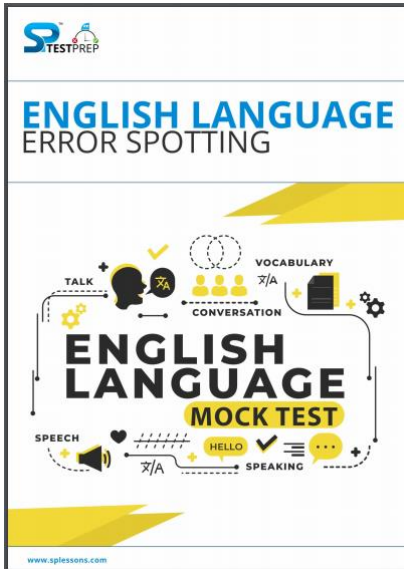
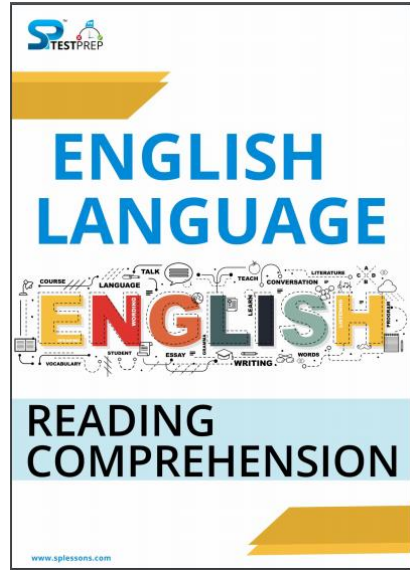
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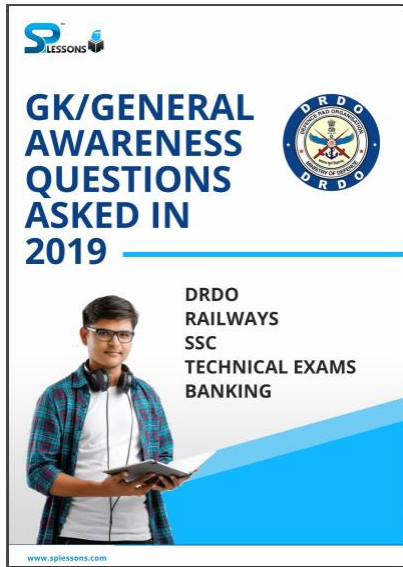
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Directions- (1-5) in each of the following questions, one phrase has been given and it has been followed by four sentences. You have to find out in which of these sentences phrase has been used properly according to its meaning and mark your answer from the options denoted by 1, 2, 3, and 4. Mark 5. As your answer if you find that phrase has been applied properly in all the sentences.

1. Green horn

- I. Due to deteriorating health, Mrs Dolly looked like a green horn
- II. You cannot rely on a green horn like him for this job.
- III. Of course, even a greenhorn could follow the wagon tracks they would leave in the sand.
- IV. After walking for miles, they seemed like green horns.

- A. I,II
- B. II,III
- C. I,IV
- D. All except I
- E. All are correct

Answer: B

Explanation: Green horn – an inexperienced, naive person

2. in cold blood

- I. He killed them in cold blood.
- II. The moment he was caught red-handed, he became cold blooded.
- III. The crime had been committed in cold blood.
- IV. Some innocent people were massacred in cold blood by the aggressors.

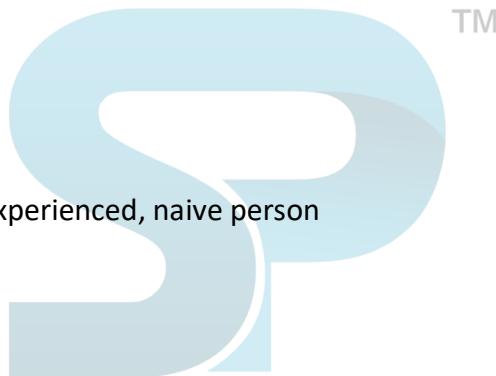
- A. III,IV
- B. II only
- C. II,III
- D. All except II
- E. All are correct

Answer: D

Explanation: In cold blood – cruelly or unemotionally

3. Man of means

- I. Only man of means could afford to travel abroad.





- II. Tamanna married a man of means and now lives a luxurious life.
- III. Ambani brothers are man of means.
- IV. To own an expensive home a yacht a limousine, you have to a man of means.
- A. I,III
 B. II,IV
 C. All except IV
 D. II,IV
 E. All are correct

Answer: E

Explanation: Man of means – wealthy, opulent, luxurious

4. Tooth and nail

- I. We fought tooth and nail to get the route of the new road changed.
- II. The people of this country fight with tooth and nail to protect their common homeland.
- III. The twins fight with tooth and nail over the slightest disagreement.
- IV. They fought tooth and nail
- A. I,IV
 B. II,III
 C. I,IV
 D. III,IV
 E. All are correct

Answer: A

Explanation: Tooth and nail – fiercely and with one's all strength

5. Midas touch

- I. Few are blind to his Midas touch when it comes to general elections.
- II. Push Plata is a unique performer with the Midas touch.
- III. The moment he joined the group, he sorted out everything with his Midas touch.
- IV. His immense popularity bears testimony to the fact that he's definitely got a midas touch
- A. III,IV
 B. I,III
 C. II,IV
 D. All except II



E. All are correct

Answer: E

Explanation: Midas touch – the ability to make money, or be successful very easily and short period of time

6. Charlatan

Meaning – a person falsely claiming to have a special knowledge or skill.

Usage – The charlatan boasted that he could charm off any disease.

Synonyms – quack, mountebank, sham, fraud, fake, humbug, impostor, pretender, masquerader, hoodwinker, hoaxer, cheat, deceiver

7. Diabolic

Meaning – characteristic of the Devil, or so evil as to be suggestive of the Devil.

Usage – What kind of diabolical mind would devise such a diabolic scheme?

Synonyms – devilish, evil, wicked

8. Bawdy

Meaning – dealing with sexual matters in a comical way; humorously indecent.

Usage – After a few drinks, they were all singing bawdy songs at the top of their voices.

Synonyms – ribald, indecent, risqué, racy, rude, spicy, suggestive, titillating, naughty, improper

Directions (9-11) in the given sentences a blank is given indicating that something is missing. From the given four options, (1), (2), (3), (4), a combination of words would fit the blank thereby making it grammatically and contextually correct. Select that option as the answer. If all the given combinations fit perfectly, then select 'All fit' as the answer.

9. In implementing a policy against transnational crime and terrorism, we must, nonetheless, respect human rights and avoid measures that will lead to further radicalization and _____ terrorism.

I. compel

II. Foment

III. Instigate

IV. Coerce

A. II,IV

B. II,III



- C. I,III
- D. II,IV
- E. All fit

Answer: B

Explanation: foment/instigate – instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action).

10. He challenged the Government to reveal the full cost to taxpayers of what he termed a publicity _____.

- I. candor
 - II. Gimmick
 - III. Ploy
 - IV. Flimflam
- A. II,IV
 - B. I,III
 - C. II,III
 - D. I,IV
 - E. All fit

Answer: A

Explanation: Gimmick/flimflam – trick, scheme, a fraudulent scheme or action.

11. Sharp inequalities between different classes and ethnic groups and between men and women are often _____ by debt and economic crisis.

- I. Exacerbated
 - II. Extenuated
 - III. Aggravated
 - IV. Palliated
- A. I,II
 - B. II,III
 - C. II,IV
 - D. I,III
 - E. All fit

Answer: D

Explanation: exacerbated/aggravated – make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse.

**12. Redound**

- A. firm
- B. backfire
- C. bounce
- D. work
- E. slog

Answer: D

Explanation: Redound – something that backfires, doesn't work

13. Downplay

- A. moderate
- B. misspend
- C. soften
- D. highlight
- E. whitewash

Answer: D

Explanation: Downplay – make (something) appear less important than it really is.

14. Squander

- A. frivol
- B. hoard
- C. dissipate
- D. expend
- E. fritter

Answer: B

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

Direction (15-19): What, one wonders, is the lowest common denominator of Indian culture today? The attractive Hema Malini? The songs of Vinidh Barati? The attractive Hema Malini? The sons of Vinidh Barati? Or the mouth-watering Masala Dosa? Delectable as these may be, each yield pride of place to that false (?) symbol of a new era-the synthetic fibre. In less than twenty years the nylon sari and the Terylene shirt have swept the countryside, penetrated to the farthest corners of the land and persuaded every common man, woman and child that the key to success in the present-day world lie in artificial fibers: glass nylon, crepe nylon, tery mixes, polyesters and what have you. More than the bicycles, the wristwatch or the transistor radio, synthetic clothes have come to represent the first step away from the village square. The village lass treasures the flashy nylon sari in her trousseau most delay; the village youth gets a great kick out of his cheap terrycot shirt and trousers, the nearest he can approximate to



the expensive synthetic sported by his wealthy city bred contemporaries. And the Neo-rich craze for 'phoren' is nowhere more apparent than in the price that people will pay for smuggled, stolen, begged borrowed second hand or thrown away synthetics. Alas, even the uniformity of nylon.

15. The lowest common denominator' of the Indian culture today is –

- A. Hema Malini
- B. Songs of Vividh Barati
- C. Masala Dosa
- D. Synthetic fibre
- E. None of these

Answer: A

16. The synthetic fibre has –

- A. Always been popular in India
- B. Become popular during the last twenty years
- C. Never been popular the last twenty years
- D. Been as popular as other kinds of fibre
- E. None of these

Answer: B

17. The latest symbol of modernity for the rural people is –

- A. The bicycle
- B. The wristwatch
- C. The transistor
- D. The synthetic cloth
- E. None of these

Answer: D

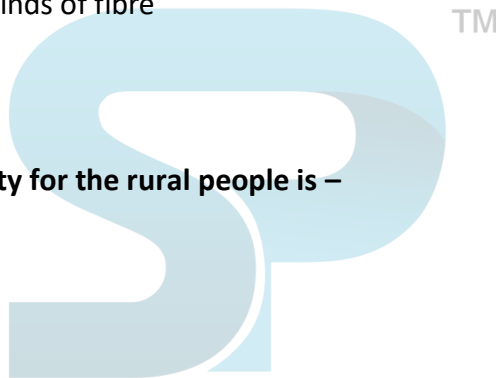
18. The tern 'Neo-rich' means –

- A. The aristocracy
- B. The industrialists
- C. The newly rich people
- D. The common people
- E. None of these

Answer: C

19. The tone of the passage is –

- A. Tragic
- B. Ironic
- C. Somber





- D. Satiric
- E. None of these

Answer: C

20. Mahatma Gandhi was born in Porbandar.

- A. simple past
- B. simple present
- C. simple future
- D. past continuous
- E. None of these

Answer: A

21. Prasanna would have reached Bangalore by this time.

- A. present perfect
- B. past perfect
- C. future perfect
- D. simple past
- E. None of these

Answer: C

22. This is ----- car I bought yesterday

- A. no article
- B. a
- C. an
- D. the
- E. None of these



Answer: D

23. Are you attending ----- reception today

- A. a
- B. an
- C. the
- D. no article
- E. None of these

Answer: C

24. Taj mahal is built of ----- marble

- A. a
- B. an



- C. the
- D. no article
- E. None of these

Answer: D

25. Let us go to a restaurant and have ----- coffee

- A. a
- B. an
- C. the
- D. no article
- E. None of these

Answer: A

Explanation: QSRP

Directions (26-30): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain parts are given in bold to answer some of the questions based on the passage.

These mismatched graduates face poorer prospects and lower earnings than their peers who embark on careers that are a better fit for the knowledge and skills they have acquired through three or four years of study. It suggests that traditional careers advice isn't working. The problem isn't necessarily that too many students are taking the wrong course. There is little evidence that graduates are studying the "wrong" subjects, according to the UUK research, since most are on courses that offer subject knowledge and employability skills that are very much in demand. Politicians complain of a, but graduates face an "experience gap" – with many employers preferring to recruit young people who have spent a couple of years in the workplace rather than raw recruitments from the university. To help graduates find the right jobs for them, lots of universities are experimenting with new ways to make their careers advice more accessible and meaningful. At the University of Kent, students can use an online Careers Explorer service to match their skills to career options, and a work-study scheme that provides bursaries for work experience. Students at the University of Dundee can take employability modules in parallel with their academic work, including online and personal career planning sessions.

26. What can be taken in parallel with academic work by students of University of Dundee ?

- A. matching career skills
- B. work study scheme
- C. employability modules
- D. work experience
- E. all the above

Answer: C

Explanation: Option 3 is suitable

**27. What are graduates facing?**

- A. planning sessions
- B. raw recruitments
- C. (1) and (2)
- D. employability skills
- E. experience gap

Answer: E

Explanation: Option 5 is suitable

28. What is meant by 'bursaries?'

- A. A grant especially one awarded to someone to enable them to study at university or college.
- B. a place to live as given by authorities
- C. an award to highlight achievements of a person
- D. A privilege by the Government in order to prosper in field of academics and research work.
- E. (2) and (3)

Answer: A

Explanation: Option 1 is suitable

29. According to passage what is not working?

- A. poorer prospects
- B. traditional careers advice
- C. wrong course
- D. wrong subject
- E. (3) and (4)



Answer: B

Explanation: Option 2 is suitable

30. What re universities doing in order to help graduates find the right jobs for them?

- A. preferring to recruit young people
- B. experimenting with new ways to make their careers advice more accessible
- C. experimenting with new ways to make their careers advice more and meaningful
- D. (2) and (3)
- E. none of the above

Answer: D

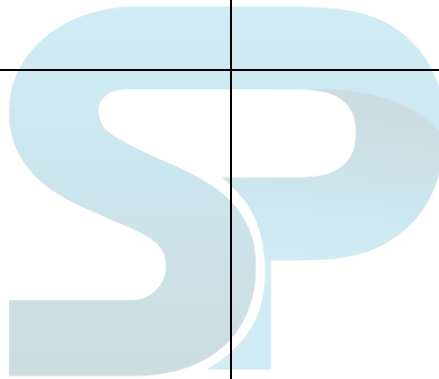
Explanation: Option 4 is suitable.



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