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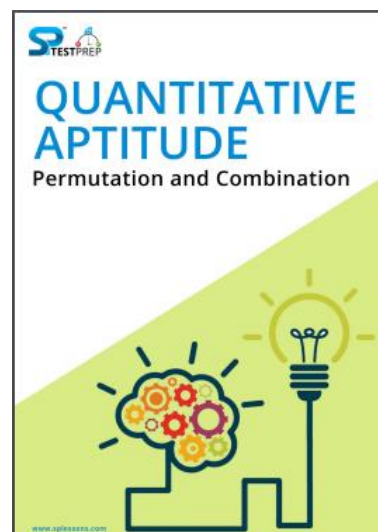
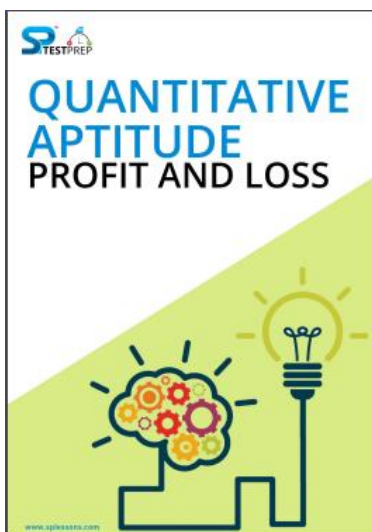
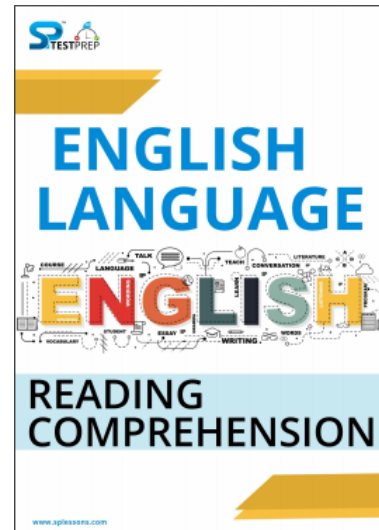
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Directions (1 to 5): sentences given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

1. When the morning _____, the murder was discovered.

- A. came
- B. happened
- C. arrived
- D. occurred

Answer: A

Explanation: All except 'came' are wrong verbs to put in the sentence. The correct sentence will be—"When the morning came, the murder was discovered."

2. The smell of the Sea called _____ memories of her childhood.

- A. on
- B. back
- C. up
- D. for

Answer: C

Explanation: 'call up' means 'to remind something'. Hence, the correct sentence will be as follow—"The smell of the sea called up memories of her childhood."

3. He has the full facts _____ but is deliberately hiding them.

- A. under his sleeves
- B. Upon his sleeves.
- C. up his sleeves
- D. in his sleeves

Answer: C

Explanation: All except option (c.) represent for putting something physically. Hence, the correct sentence will be—"He has the full facts up his sleeves but is deliberately hiding them."

4. The appearance of the city _____ day by day.

- A. could change
- B. changed
- C. had changed
- D. is changing



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Answer: D

Explanation: the given sentence is referencing the present tense. Hence, the correct sentence will be-
“The appearance of the city is changing day by day.”

5. The police fired on the mob when they _____.

- A. turned noisy
- B. turned violent
- C. became abusive
- D. fizzled out

Answer: B

Explanation: This answer should be given using psychological factors. Police cannot fire on mob being abusive, noisy, or fizzling out. Hence, option (b.) is the correct answer.

Directions (6 to 8): out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

6. BOARD

- A. Frame
- B. Lodging
- C. Food
- D. Furniture



Answer: D

Explanation: A board is a flat piece of wood. Hence, option (d.) is the correct answer in this case.

7. PERUSE

- A. Follow
- B. Argue
- C. Reduce
- D. Read

Answer: D

Explanation: ‘Peruse’ is used for reading something attentively. Hence, option (d.) is the most appropriate word for ‘peruse’.

8. SPUME

- A. foam



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- B. Lava
- C. poison
- D. spit

Answer: D

Explanation: 'Spume' is a form of foam found on waves.

Directions (9 to 13): you have a passage with 5 questions following. Read the passages carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

True, it is the function of the army to maintain law and order in abnormal times. But in normal times there is another force that compels citizens to obey laws and to act with due regard to the rights of others. The force also protects the lives and properties of law abiding men. Laws are made to secure the personal safety of its subjects and to prevent murder and crimes of violence. They are made to secure the property of the citizens against theft and damage and to protect the rights of communities and castes to carry out their customs and ceremonies, so long as they do not conflict with the rights of others. Now the good citizen, of his own free will obeys these laws and he takes care that everything he does is done with due regard to the rights and well being of others.

But the bad citizen is only restrained from breaking these laws by fear of the consequence of his actions. And the necessary steps to compel the bad citizen to act as a good citizen are taken by this force. The supreme control of law and order in a State is in the hands of a Minister, who is responsible to the State Assembly and acts through the Inspector General of Police.

9. The expression "customs and ceremonies" means:

- A. habits and traditions
- B. fairs and festivals
- C. superstitions and formalities
- D. usual practices and religious rites

Answer: D

Explanation: 'Usual practices and religious rites' are the rights of communities. Hence, option (d.) is the most appropriate answer.

10. 'They are made to secure the property of citizens against theft and damage' means that the law:

- A. Safeguards people's possessions against being stolen or lost.
- B. Initiates process against offenders of law.
- C. Helps in recovering the stolen property of the citizens.



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- D. Assists the citizens whose property has been stolen or destroyed.

Answer: A

Explanation: The answer to this question can be found in the following lines- "Laws are made to secure the personal safety of its subjects and to prevent murder and crimes of violence. They are made to secure the property of the citizens against theft and damage."

11. Which one of the following statement is implied in the passage?

- A. The police hardly succeed in convening bad citizens into good ones.
- B. Criminals, who flout the law, are seldom brought to book.
- C. Peaceful citizens seldom violate the law.
- D. The police check the citizens, whether they are good or bad, from violating the law.

Answer: C

Explanation: The answer to this question can be found with the following lines- "Now the good citizen, of his own free will obeys these laws and he takes care that everything he does is done with due regard to the rights and well being of others."

12. According to the writer, which one of the following is not the responsibility of the police?

- A. To check violent activities of citizens.
- B. To maintain peace during extraordinary circumstances.
- C. To protect the privileges of all citizens.
- D. To ensure peace among citizens by safeguarding individual rights.

Answer: B

Explanation: All except the option (b.) are mentioned in the given passage. Hence, it is the most appropriate answer.

13. Which of the following statements is not implied in the passage?

- A. Law protects those who respect it.
- B. A criminal is deterred from committing crimes only for fear of the law.
- C. The forces of law help to transform irresponsible citizens into responsible ones.
- D. Law ensures people's religious and social rights absolutely and unconditionally.

Answer: D

Explanation: All except option (d.) can be derived from the given passage. Hence, option (d.) is the appropriate answer to this question.



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Directions: In Question nos. 14 to 23, a sentence / a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. in case no improvement is needed choose No Improvement".

14. He does not laugh, nor he smiles.

- A. nor he does smile
- B. No Improvement
- C. neither he does smile
- D. Nor does he, smile.

Answer: D

Explanation: The correct sentence complaint with the English grammar rules is as follow-"He does not laugh, nor does he, smile.

15. If I will get an opportunity, I shall attend the seminar.

- A. get
- B. No Improvement
- C. shall get
- D. got

Answer: A

Explanation: if second sentence is in future tense, then the first sentence must be in present tense. Hence, option (a.) is the correct answer.

16. The others shook their heads and made vague noises of approval.

- A. nodded
- B. No Improvement
- C. ctured around
- D. hung

Answer: A

Explanation: 'Shook' is verb used for pushing something. While, 'nodding' is used for moving head to showing assertion or negation. Hence, option (a.) is the correct answer.

17. The world is being faced with a crisis.

- A. No Improvement
- B. facing



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- C. confronted
- D. in front of

Answer: B

Explanation: In general passive voice is not considered appropriate. Hence, the correct answer will be- "The world is facing with a crisis."

18. She insisted on she was innocent.

- A. No Improvement
- B. insisted on that
- C. insisted that
- D. insisted with

Answer: C

Explanation: if there are two nouns in a sentence, then there must be a connective. Hence, the correct answer will be- "She insisted that she was innocent."

19. She could not help but laugh.

- A. but laughing
- B. No Improvement
- C. laughter
- D. laughing

Answer: A

Explanation: The correct sentence will be- "She could not help but helping."

20. I took my mother some grapes when she was in hospital.

- A. I took some grapes for my mother
- B. No Improvement
- C. I took for my mother some gapes
- D. I brought my mother some grapes.

Answer: D

Explanation: 'take' verb is used to receive something. However, 'bring' means come to a place with someone or something. Hence, option (d.) is the correct answer.

21. We met yesterday, haven't we?

- A. isn't it ?
- B. No Improvement



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- C. didn't we ?
- D. hadn't we ?

Answer: C

Explanation: if first sentence is in past tense, then the second sentence must be in past tense. Hence, option (c.) is the correct answer.

22. Both the teams played the game fairly.

- A. Played fairly the game.
- B. No Improvement
- C. Fairly played the game.
- D. played a fair game

Answer: D

Explanation: The correct sentence will be-“Both the teams played a fair game.”

23. You must endure what you cannot cure.

- A. suffer
- B. No Improvement
- C. prevail
- D. accept

Answer: B

Explanation: the sentence comply with all grammar rules. Hence, it requires no change.

Directions (24 to 26): choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

24. VACILLATION

- A. inoculation
- B. relief
- C. steadfastness
- D. remorse

Answer: C

Explanation: ‘Vacillation’ means ‘instability’. Hence, the opposite word to this will be ‘steadfastness’.

25. Placid



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- A. dull
- B. stormy
- C. urgent
- D. moving

Answer: B

Explanation: 'placid' means 'calm'. Hence, the antonym to this word will be 'stormy'.

26. Effeminacy

- A. manliness
- B. boorishness
- C. aggressiveness
- D. attractiveness

Answer: A

Explanation: 'Effeminacy' means 'cowardice'. Hence, the antonym to this word will be 'manliness'.

Directions (27 to 31): some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct.

Find out which part of a sentence has an error and blacken the circle corresponding to the appropriate correct option. If a sentence is free from error, choose "No Error" option.

27. A bird in the tree is worth two in the bush.

- A. No error
- B. Two in the bush.
- C. is worth
- D. A bird in the tree

Answer: B

Explanation: The correct sentence formation will be—"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

28. It is not advisable to take heavy luggages while on a journey.

- A. while on a journey.
- B. to take heavy luggages
- C. It is not advisable
- D. No error

Answer: B

Explanation: the correct sentence will be—"It is not advisable to take luggage while on a journey."



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29. Just outside my house are a playground for school boys and girls.

- A. For school boys and girls.
- B. are a playground
- C. No error
- D. Just outside my house

Answer: B

Explanation: The correct sentence for the given problem will be-“Just outside my house, there is a playground for school boys and girls.”

30. He can be a basketball player since he is tall like a mule.

- A. No error
- B. He can be
- C. he is tall like a mule
- D. a basketball player since

Answer: C

Explanation: The correct sentence will be-“he can be a basketball player since he is as tall as a mule.”

31. Who do you think I met?

- A. Who
- B. I met?
- C. No error
- D. do you think

Answer: A

Explanation: The correct sentence will be as follows-

“Whom do you think, I met?”

Directions (32 to 38): out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

32. of one's own free will.

- A. obligatory
- B. mandatory
- C. voluntary
- D. compulsory

Answer: C



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Explanation: 'Voluntary' means doing something of one's own free will.

33. One who runs away from justice or the law.

- A. Fugitive
- B. Thief
- C. Criminal
- D. Smuggler

Answer: A

Explanation: A fugitive is a person, who has escaped to avoid arrest or persecution.

34. One who is skillful?

- A. disciplined
- B. b)different
- C. diligent
- D. dexterous

Answer: D

Explanation: A dexterous is a person, who shows his neat skills.

35. One who is too careless to plan for the future?

- A. impotent
- B. improvident
- C. impractical
- D. imprudent

Answer: B

Explanation: An improvident person is someone, who has no foresight.

36. A person who deserves all praise.

- A. despicable
- B. detestable
- C. laudable
- D. lovable

Answer: C

Explanation: Laudable is used for someone deserving praise or commendation.

37. One who has long experience?



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- A. expert
- B. novice
- C. practitioner
- D. veteran

Answer: D

Explanation: A veteran is a person, who has a long experience in a particular field.

38. A study of ancient things.

- A. Physiology
- B. Archaeology
- C. Ethnology
- D. Zoology

Answer: B

Explanation: Archeology is a science of studying ancient things like human history or prehistory.

Directions (39 to 40): four words are given in each question, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

39.

- A. DIFFUSSION
- B. DEFFUSION
- C. DIFFUSION
- D. DEFUSION

Answer: C

Explanation: "Diffusion" means spreading of something more widely. Other options are meaningless.

40.

- A. Circumlocation
- B. Circumlocution
- C. Circmlocution
- D. Circumlocutien

Answer: B

Explanation: The use of many words, where a fewer would work, is known as circumlocution. All except option (b.) are meaningless.



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Directions (41 to 45): four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

41. Unless you make amends for the loss, nobody is prepared to excuse you.

- A. improve
- B. pay debt
- C. confess
- D. compensate

Answer: D

Explanation: 'Make amends for' idiom is used for resolving the situation after a wrong one has done. Hence, option (d.) is the most appropriate answer.

42. Instead of keeping his promise of helping me with office work, he just left me high and dry.

- A. Left me feeling like a fool.
- B. Left me in a state of anger.
- C. Left me without a drop of water.
- D. Left me alone to do the work.

Answer: D

Explanation: 'Leave high or dry' idiom is used to leaving one in a situation in which one has little chance of escaping or improving.

43. Amit said to Rekha, "Don't make a mountain out of a molehill."

- A. attempt an impossible task
- B. Start looking for molehills to mountains.
- C. creak problems
- D. exaggerate a minor problem

Answer: D

Explanation: The underlined idiom is used when someone exaggerated an event.

44. Before the report reached the authority, the media spilled the beans.

- A. dropped the charges
- B. hinted at the consequences
- C. revealed the secret information
- D. Spilled the content of the information package.

Answer: C



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Explanation: To reveal something that was meant to be kept a secret, is referenced with 'Spilled the beans' idiom.

45. His friend turned out to be snake in the grass.

- A. cowardly and brutal
- B. low and mean
- C. a hidden enemy
- D. An unreliable and deceitful person.

Answer: C

Explanation: 'Snake in the grass' is used for one who feigns friendship with the intent to deceive.

Directions (46 to 50): you have a passage with 5 questions following. Read the passages carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Journalists argue over functions of a newspaper. I feel that a provincial paper's purpose is not only to present and project the news objectively and imaginatively, but to help its readers to express themselves more effectively, canalizing their aspirations, making more articulate their demands. A newspaper should reflect the community it serves - warts and all. When the minor is held to society it reveals neglect, injustice, ignorance or complacency. It should help to eradicate them. It would be pretentious to think that a newspaper can change the course of world affairs- but at the local limit it can exert influence, it can probe, it can help get things done. The individual's voice must not be stifled. Instead, the readers should be encouraged to express their opinions, fears, hopes, and or their grievances on this platform.

46. How can the readers air their grievances?

- A. By being complacent.
- B. By supporting the local newspaper.
- C. By writing to journalists.
- D. By writing to their local newspaper.

Answer: D

Explanation: The answer to this question can be deduced with the following lines of the paragraph- "A newspaper should reflect the community it serves - warts and all. When the minor is held to society it reveals neglect, injustice, ignorance or complacency."

47. What is the main purpose of a newspaper?

- A. Project news objectively and imaginatively.
- B. To present facts in a blunt way.
- C. Exert influence on the individuals.
- D. Encourage the readers to be pretentious.



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Answer: A

Explanation: The answer to this question can be deduced with the following lines of the paragraph- “a provincial paper's purpose is not only to present and project the news objectively and imaginatively”

48. The expression “warts and all” in the passage means:

- A. hopes and fears
- B. the reader's grievances
- C. with no attempt to conceal blemishes and inadequacies
- D. the community's problems

Answer: C

Explanation: Here, ‘warts and all’ means ‘no effort to conceal blemishes and inadequacies’.

49. How can a newspaper influence local affairs?

- A. By probing into the ills of society and rallying support for change.
- B. By encouraging the readers to accept their grievances.
- C. By focusing on world affairs.
- D. By influencing public opinion through half truths.

Answer: A

Explanation: The answer to this question can be deduced with the following lines of the paragraph- “A newspaper can change the course of world affairs- but at the local limit it can exert influence, it can probe, it can help get things done.”

50. In this passage the writer highlights the fact that:

- A. A newspaper should reflect the community it serves.
- B. A newspaper should only concentrate on local affairs.
- C. Journalists differ in their opinion on the function of a newspaper.
- D. Newspaper can eradicate injustice.

Answer: A

Explanation: The following line best represents the summary of the paragraph-

“A newspaper should reflect the community it serves - warts and all.”

Directions (51 to 55): four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.



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51. I am going to stay at home because I am feeling under the weather today.

- A. unhappy
- B. depressed
- C. irritated
- D. sick

Answer: D

Explanation: 'Under the weather' idiom is used for expressing illness or ailment. Hence, option (d.) is the correct answer.

52. Everybody thought Asha and Ashok were a happy couple, but it was all just make believe.

- A. hatred
- B. pretence
- C. reality
- D. treachery

Answer: B

Explanation: Make believe' means pretending. Hence, option (b.) is the most suitable word.

53. He and his neighbor are always at loggerheads

- A. disagreeing on everything
- B. aloof from each other
- C. Agree on everything
- D. abusing each other

Answer: A

Explanation: 'at loggerheads' idiom represents a violent dispute and disagreement. Hence, option (a.) is the right answer.

54. Even in the middle of the fire he kept a level head.

- A. was impulsive
- B. was sensible
- C. was self-centered
- D. was crazy

Answer: B

Explanation: 'Keep a level head' idiom is used to remaining calm and sensible in difficult situations. Hence, option (b.) is the most appropriate answer.



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55. The winning team decided to go for the jugular in the last quarter of the match.

- A. give easy opportunities to the opposite team
- B. forfeit the match
- C. attack all out
- D. give reserve players a chance

Answer: C

Explanation: 'Go for the jugular' is to attack in the most aggressive way, where the victim is most vulnerable. Hence, option (c.) is the most appropriate answer.

Directions (56 to 60): you have a passage with 5 questions following Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives and mark it by blackening the appropriate circle in the Answer Sheet.

The capitalist system does not foster healthy relations among human beings. A few people own all the means of production and others have to sell their labor under conditions imposed upon them. The emphasis of capitalism being on the supreme importance of material wealth, the intensity of its appeal is to the acquisitive tendency. It promotes worship of economic power with little regard to the means employed for its acquisition and the end that it serves. By its exploitation of human beings to the limits of endurance its concentration is on the largest profit rather than maximum production. Thus the division of human society is done on the basis of profit motive. All this is injurious to human dignity. And when the harrowed poor turn to the founders of religion for succor, they rather offer a subtle defense for the established order. They promise future happiness for present suffering. They conjure up visions of paradise to soothe the suffering majority and censure the revolt of the tortured men. The system imposes injustice, the religion justifies it.

56. The established order is supported by religion to:

- A. alleviate the suffering of the poor in the capitalist system
- B. perpetuate the injustice imposed by the capitalist system
- C. help the tortured men to seek redress
- D. balance the suffering of the poor with hopes of future reward

Answer: C

Explanation: The answer can be justified with the following lines from the given passage 'when the harrowed poor turn to the founders of religion for succor, they rather offer a subtle defense for the established order. They promise future happiness for present suffering. They conjure up visions of paradise to soothe the suffering majority and censure the revolt of the tortured men. The system imposes injustice, the religion justifies it.'



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57. Capitalism divides society into the two categories of _____.

- A. buyers and sellers
- B. religions and irreligious people
- C. exploiters and exploited people
- D. working and non-working people

Answer: C

Explanation: The answer to this question can be found with the following lines- 'A few people own all the means of production and others have to sell their labor under conditions imposed upon them.'

58. The passage indicates that the capitalist system is:

- A. fair
- B. prosperous
- C. dehumanizing
- D. ambitious

Answer: C

Explanation: The answer to this question can be found with the following lines- 'By its exploitation of human beings to the limits of endurance its concentration is on the largest profit rather than maximum production.'

59. In a capitalist system of society each man wishes:

- A. to have visions of paradise
- B. to soothe the sufferings of other
- C. acquire maximum wealth
- D. to produce maximum wealth

Answer: C

Explanation: The answer to this question can be found with the following lines- 'The emphasis of capitalism being on the supreme importance of material wealth, the intensity of its appeal is to the acquisitive tendency.'

60. in a capitalist system:

- A. The means justify the ends.
- B. Means which lead to ends exploitation are strictly prohibited.
- C. The means endorsed by religion are strictly followed.
- D. The ends justify the means.

Answer: D



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Explanation: The support lines to the best answer for these questions are given below- 'The system imposes injustice, the religion justifies it.'

Directions (61 to 165): sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

61. Jim suffered a _____ of fortune.

- A. revert
- B. reverse
- C. reversal
- D. regress

Answer: C

Explanation: Here 'fortune' is used for 'luck'. Hence, the correct sentence formation will be- "Jim suffered a reversal of fortune."

62. He will impart no information _____ anyone.

- A. from
- B. with
- C. for
- D. to

Answer: D

Explanation: The correct sentence will be- "He will impart no information to anyone."

63. Jyoti refused to be _____ by her long illness.

- A. dispensed
- B. dispersed
- C. dispirited
- D. dispatched

Answer: C

Explanation: The sentence expresses Jyoti's feelings of not losing hope and enthusiasm. Hence, 'dispirited' is the most suitable word here.

64. The United Kingdom _____ England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

- A. comprises of
- B. comprises
- C. consists



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D. combines

Answer: B

Explanation: England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland jointly form the United Kingdom. Hence, 'comprises' is the most suitable word.

65. He was _____ by nature and so avoided all company.

- A. anti-social
- B. timid
- C. gregarious
- D. cordial

Answer: B

Explanation: he was coward. That is why, avoid all company. Hence, 'timid' will be the right answer.

Directions (66 to 70): a sentence / a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed choose "No Improvement".

66. He could not be able to think logically because of his illness.

- A. was not able
- B. cannot be able
- C. can be unable
- D. No Improvement

Answer: A

Explanation: The sentence is not consistent with the grammar rules. The right sentence will be—"He was not able to think logically because of his illness."

67. The climate of Shillong is somewhat like Kohima.

- A. as Kohima's
- B. No Improvement
- C. as Kohima
- D. like Kohima's

Answer: D

Explanation: 'like' is used here as a metaphor and climate of shillong will be alike kohima's climate. Hence, the right sentence will be as follows—"The climate of Shillong is somewhat like Kohima's."

68. They were being commanded to wait till the signal was given.



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- A. No Improvement
- B. given command
- C. commanded
- D. command

Answer: D

Explanation: The given sentence is in passive voice and in past tense. Hence, the correct sentence will be as follows-“They were commanded to wait till the signal was given.”

69. We have been retracing our steps to the log cabin ten minutes ago.

- A. No Improvement
- B. have to retrace
- C. will be retracing
- D. had to retrace

Answer: D

Explanation: Here, the given context is for the time, which is 10 minutes ago. Hence, the correct sentence will be-“We had to retrace our steps to the log cabin ten minutes ago.”

70. I was struck by his singular appearance.

- A. struck by his single appearance
- B. struck by how he singularly appears
- C. No Improvement
- D. had stricken his single appearance

Answer: A

Explanation: The sentence was wrongly frame in passive voice. Hence, the correct sentence formation will be-“I struck by his single appearance.”

71. River Damodar in West Bengal carry the effluents from the Durgapur Industrial complex for miles.

- A. carried the effluents
- B. carries the effluents
- C. No Improvement
- D. carries the effluence

Answer: B

Explanation: ‘River Damodar’ is a singular noun. Hence, sentence must be formed in present indefinite tense. Hence, option (b.) is the correct answer.



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72. The blue whale was thriving in all of the world's oceans until the turn of the century, at which time they became hunted to the point of extinction.

- A. No improvement
- B. The blue whale was thriving in all of the world's oceans up until the turn of the century
- C. At the turn of the century blue whales were thriving in all of the world's oceans.
- D. Blue whales were thriving in all of the world's oceans until the turn of the century

Answer: D

Explanation: Blue whale is not an individual species. These belong to 'Mammals' species. Hence, instead of 'The blue whale', 'Blue whales' should be used. Option (d.) is the right answer.

73. John decided to go to the Advocate General to clear his name of the accusation.

- A. to clean his name
- B. wash his name
- C. to cleared his name
- D. No Improvement

Answer: D

Explanation: The sentence comply with all grammar rules. Hence, it does not need any improvement.

74. He bowed down at the altar.

- A. infront of the altar
- B. No Improvement
- C. before the altar
- D. next to the altar

Answer: C

Explanation: 'Altar' is the table in a Christian church at which the bread and wine are consecrated in communion services. Hence, option (c.) will be the appropriate answer.

75. I hope you will be able to steer ahead of the anti-social elements.

- A. steer free
- B. steer clear
- C. steer out
- D. No Improvement

Answer: B



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Explanation: 'Steer' is a piece of advice or information concerning the development of a situation. Hence, 'Steer clear' is the most suitable word here.

Directions (76 to 80): you have a passage with 5 questions following. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

In September 2011, Hindustan Times did a study in Delhi and reported that the number of malaria (and dengue) cases at the time were actually thrice as many as revealed by the city authorities. Earlier, in Mumbai, a municipal claim that 145 people died due to malaria in 2010 was exposed a lie after Praja, a city NGO, extracted figures from the municipality itself. Following an RTI petition, Praja revealed 1190 deaths. This seems to be a habit. A paper in the leading UK medical journal The Lancet, published following nationwide interviews undertaken by an international team, reveals that the number of malarial deaths all over India every year may be as high as 205,000, which is many times the World Health Organization's figure of about 15,000, of the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme's figure of just around 1000. While the Lancet paper has been disputed, it is clear that there must be gross under-reporting of malarial deaths. Wouldn't that be one of the big reasons why malaria, which is easily cured if properly treated after timely diagnosis, continues to kill so many Indians?

76. What is "the habit" mentioned in the passage?

- A. Hiding the real figures of malaria cases
- B. Exposing the authority's incompetence
- C. Filing RTIs
- D. Conducting studies and surveys in towns and cities

Answer: A

Explanation: The answer to this question can be found with the following lines-

'Following an RTI petition, Praja revealed 1190 deaths. This seems to be a habit.'

77. The findings of the Lancet were published after:

- A. nationwide interviews were carried out
- B. proper verifications of the findings were done
- C. international reviews of the findings were done
- D. the international team left India

Answer: A

Explanation: The answer to this question can be found with the following lines-

'A paper in the leading UK medical journal The Lancet, published following nationwide interviews undertaken by an international team, reveals that the number of malarial deaths all over India every year.'



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78. One of the big reasons for malarial death is:

- A. lack of proper treatment
- B. over-reporting of malarial deaths
- C. under-reporting of malarial deaths
- D. untimely diagnosis

Answer: C

Explanation: The answer to this question can be found with the following lines from the passage-

‘While the Lancet paper has been disputed, it is clear that there must be gross under-reporting of malarial deaths.’

79. The Lancet is a:

- A. Medical book
- B. newspaper
- C. journal
- D. magazine

Answer: C

Explanation: Find the answer with the following lines taken from the passage-

‘A paper in the leading UK medical journal The Lancet, published following nationwide interviews undertaken by an international team.’

80. The Hindustan Times found that the number of malaria cases in 2011 was:

- A. twice than the numbers revealed by the authorities
- B. exactly as the numbers revealed by the authorities
- C. half the numbers revealed by the authorities
- D. three times the numbers revealed by the authorities

Answer: D

Explanation: The answer to this question can be found with the following lines-

‘In September 2011, Hindustan Times did a study in Delhi and reported that the number of malaria (and dengue) cases at the time were actually thrice as many as revealed by the city authorities.’

Directions (81 to 83): choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

81. Arrogant



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- A. haughty
- B. modest
- C. selfish
- D. proud

Answer: B

Explanation: 'Arrogance' is to revealing an exaggerated sense of one's own importance or abilities. Hence, the opposite word to this will be 'modest'.

82. Eccentric

- A. peculiar
- B. unusual
- C. carefree
- D. normal

Answer: D

Explanation: 'Eccentric' is used for showing one's unconventional and strange behavior. Hence, 'Normal' would be the most appropriate word as its antonyms.

83. Zenith

- A. low
- B. nadir
- C. bottom
- D. shallow

Answer: B

Explanation: 'Zenith' is the highest point reached by any object. Whereas, 'nadir' is the lowest point in the fortunes of a person or organization.

Directions (34 to 40): out of four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences and indicate it by blackening the appropriate circle in the answer sheet.

84. One who is concerned with the welfare of others?

- A. Egoist
- B. Hedonist
- C. Ascetic
- D. Altruist

Answer: D



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Explanation: 'Altruist' and 'Philanthropist' both are the same words. Hence, option (d.) is the correct answer.

85. A person who agrees to work for somebody in order to learn a skill.

- A. Apprentice
- B. Lackey
- C. Pupil
- D. Assistant

Answer: A

Explanation: An Apprentice is a person who is learning a trade from a skilled employer, having agreed to work for a fixed period at low wages.

86. Someone who is designated to hear both sides of a dispute and make a judgment.

- A. Counsellor
- B. Arbitrator
- C. Manager
- D. Magistrate

Answer: B

Explanation: An Arbitrator is an independent person or body officially appointed to settle a dispute.

87. To die without making a will.

- A. Inane
- B. Indigent
- C. Intestate
- D. Insure

Answer: C

Explanation: An intestate is a person, who has died without having made a will.

88. Opinion contrary to accepted doctrines.

- A. Advocacy
- B. Heresy
- C. Convention
- D. Controversy

Answer: B

Explanation: A heresy is a belief or opinion contrary to orthodox religious doctrines.



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89. Make pale by excluding light.

- A. Percolate
- B. Foliate
- C. Procreate
- D. Etiolate

Answer: D

Explanation: An etiolated is an object, which is pale and drawn out due to a lack of light.

90. That which cannot be avoided.

- A. Inevitable
- B. Integral
- C. Unrestrained
- D. Unvarying

Answer: B

Explanation: 'Inevitable' is used for something, which cannot be avoided.

Directions (91 to 92): four words are given in each question, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

91.

- A. fortuitous
- B. haphazard
- C. comissioned
- D. resurgense

Answer: A

Explanation: 'Fortuitous' means accidental.

92.

- A. merth
- B. gruesom
- C. appretiate
- D. connoisseur

Answer: D

Explanation: 'Connoisseur' is a person, who is expert in matters of taste.



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Directions (93 to 97): some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct.

Find out which part of a sentence has an error and blacken the circle corresponding to the appropriate correct option.

93. Many a man want to be rich quickly.

- A. Many a man
- B. rich quickly
- C. want to be
- D. No error

Answer: C

Explanation: 'A man' is a singular noun. Hence, 'wants to be' should be used here.

94. We have finished our work three hours ago and have been waiting for you since then.

- A. three hours ago and have been waiting
- B. No error
- C. for you since then
- D. We have finished our work

Answer: D

Explanation: The correct sentence formation will be- "We had finished our work three hours ago and have been waiting for you since then."

95. Several guests noticed Mr. Sharma falling back in his chair and gasping for breath.

- A. falling back in his chair
- B. and gasping for breath
- C. No error
- D. Several guests noticed Mr. Sharma

Answer: C

Explanation: This sentence is free from errors.

96. A study is going underway to determine the exact concentration of lead in the water supply.

- A. of lead in the water supply
- B. to determine the exact concentration
- C. No error
- D. A study is going underway

Answer: D



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Explanation: The correct sentence formation will be as follows-“A study is underway to determine the exact concentration of lead in the water supply.”

97. The Russian ambassador's whereabouts is not known to anyone.

- A. not known to anyone
- B. The Russian ambassador's
- C. No error
- D. whereabouts is

Answer: c

Explanation: The sentence contains no error and comply with grammar's rules.

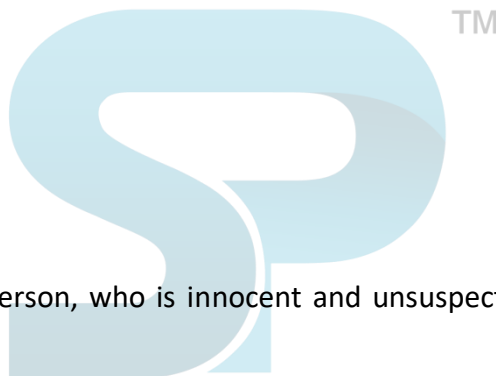
Directions (98 to 100): out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

98. Ingenuous

- A. careless
- B. candid
- C. crafty
- D. creative

Answer: B

Explanation: An Ingenuous is a person, who is innocent and unsuspecting. Hence, 'candid' is the very similar word to this.



99. Resurgence

- A. reluctance
- B. renewal
- C. repletion
- D. relocation

Answer: B

Explanation: Resurgence is an increase or revival after a period of little activity, popularity, or occurrence.

100. Damp

- A. complicated
- B. wet



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- C. clear
- D. s) light

Answer: B

Explanation: 'Damp' stands for slightly wet things. Hence, option (b.) is the correct answer.





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