

Mock - 01

Practice Set

- Select the correctly spelt word.
(a) Accomodate (b) Accommodate
(c) Accomodaate (d) Accommodatte
 - Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Abate
(a) Decline (b) Subside
(c) Diminish (d) Intensify
 - Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.
Conservation of Forest and Wildlife in the background of rapid decline in wildlife population and forestry has become _____.
(a) Essential (b) Annoying
(c) Beneficial (d) Expensive
 - Select the synonym of the given word.
Callous
(a) Charitable (b) Compassionate
(c) Merciless (d) Tender
- Directions (5-9):** In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.
- There were two friends Vilas and Sakal _____ (5) in the same village Semapur. Sakal was a twelve-year-old boy. His mother Sheela looked after domestic chores. His father Buta Chaudhary worked in an agricultural field. Sakal _____ (6) his mother in domestic chores. He also looked after his younger brother Jeetu and sister Seetu. His uncle Shyam had passed the matriculation examination, but, was sitting idle in the house as he had no job. Buta and Sheela were _____ (7) to teach Sakal. They forced him to join the village school which he soon joined. He started studying and completed his higher secondary examination. His father persuaded him to continue his studies. He raised a loan for Sakal to study a vocational course in computers. Sakal was meritorious and interested in studies from the beginning. _____ (8) great vigour and enthusiasm, he completed his course. After some time, he got a job in a private firm. He even designed a new kind of software. This software helped him increase the sale of the firm. His boss _____ (9) his services and rewarded him with a promotion.
- Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 5
(a) Living (b) Worked
(c) Beginning (d) Condition
 - Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 6
(a) Promised (b) Cared
(c) Understood (d) Helped
 - Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 7
(a) Forced (b) Eager
(c) Embarrassed (d) Fearless
 - Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 8
(a) For (b) From
(c) With (d) Of
 - Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 9
(a) Acknowledged (b) Dreamed
(c) Advised (d) Challenged
 - Select the option that is the indirect form of the given sentence.
Neena said, "I was living in Bhopal."
(a) Neena said that they have been living in Bhopal.
(b) Neena said that she was living in Bhopal.
(c) Neena said that she had been living in Bhopal.
(d) Neena said that she must be living in Bhopal.
 - Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom.
Achilles' Heel
(a) A fatal weakness
(b) In good times and in bad times
(c) Stop discussing an issue
(d) Fail spectacularly
 - Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Benign
(a) Innocent (b) Harmful
(c) Inoffensive (d) Safe
 - Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
A small group of people having control of a country or organization.
(a) Plutocracy (b) Secular
(c) Monarchy (d) Oligarchy
 - Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Efface
(a) Conserve (b) Preserve
(c) Destroy (d) Repair



15. Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.
Shubham as well as his colleagues were working on the project.
(a) Shubham as well as (b) his colleagues
(c) No Error (d) were working
16. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.
A. Sikandar Shah established a fair system of administration & founded the historical city of Agra.
B. His empire extended from Punjab to Bihar and he also signed a treaty with the ruler of Bengal, Alauddin Hussain Shah.
C. Due to the death of Bahlul Lodhi in July 1489, his son Nizam Khan succeeded him, under the title Sikandar Shah.
D. He turned out to be the most capable ruler of the Lodhi Dynasty.
(a) BCAD (b) DABC
(c) ACBD (d) CDAB
17. Select the option that is the passive form of the given sentence.
Mahesh is writing a book.
(a) A book was being written by Mahesh.
(b) A book will be written by Mahesh.
(c) A book is being written by Mahesh.
(d) A book was written by Mahesh.
18. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
Fond of company
(a) Gregarious (b) Quixotic
(c) Notorious (d) Consummate
19. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.
India's IT revolution is a striking instance of _____ the importance of human capital has come to acquire a higher position than that of material, plant and machinery.
(a) When (b) How
(c) What (d) If
20. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the given sentence.
Many students came from far and wide to pursue their education in Pune.
(a) To do something pointless
(b) Getting a good start is important
(c) There's always a cost to doing something
(d) Far of places
21. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.
(a) Discipline (b) Guarantee
(c) Leisure (d) Occurrence
22. Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.
In ancient India, both formal or informal ways of education system existed.
(a) In ancient India (b) both formal
(c) No Error (d) or informal ways
23. Select the option that will improve the segment in bold of the given sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'
Neither Mahesh nor his friends was present at the party.
(a) Were (b) Has
(c) Is (d) No improvement
24. Select the option that will improve the segment in bold of the given sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'
Gurukuls, also known as ashrams, were the residential places of learning which were named by the sages.
(a) Named of (b) No improvement
(c) Named from (d) Named after
25. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.
A. When Shubham went to his father during the holidays, his father told Shubham, telling his problems, that son, if you wish to become a big officer, then such problems would not come.
B. When Shubham was studying in Delhi, he did not have the thought of appearing for the UPSC examination even far and wide.
C. At the same time, his father was engulfed in many types of financial troubles.
D. This word of father sat in Shubham's heart and from that day Shubham made this dream of his father his dream.
(a) DABC (b) BCAD
(c) CDAB (d) ADCB



Solutions

1. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
The word 'Accommodate' is spelt correctly.
Remaining words are spelt incorrectly.
2. **(d):** The correct answer is option d.
Abate - to become weaker: to decrease in strength
Synonyms - decline, decrease, diminish, subside.
Antonyms - accumulate, enlarge, escalate, expand, grow, increase, intensify.
3. **(a):** The correct answer is option a.
The word that can be in the blank is, 'Essential'.
Essential - absolutely necessary; extremely important.
For example - it is essential to keep up-to-date records.
Beneficial - resulting in good; favourable or advantageous.
For example - The improvement in sales figures had a beneficial effect/influence on the company as a whole.
4. **(c):** The correct answer is option c.
Callous - unkind, cruel, and without sympathy or feeling for other people.
Synonyms - compassionless, merciless, uncharitable, unsympathetic
Antonyms - charitable, compassionate, humane, kindly, merciful, sensitive, sympathetic, tender.
Option (c) portrays the same meaning as that of the given word & hence it is the correct choice.
5. **(a):** The correct answer is option a.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Living'.
As per the context, the word 'Living' fits in very well & hence, it is the correct choice.
6. **(d):** The correct answer is option d.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Helped'.
As per the context, the word 'Helped' fits in very well & hence, it is the correct choice.
7. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Eager'.
As per the context, the word 'Eager' fits in very well & hence, it is the correct choice.
8. **(c):** The correct answer is option c.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'With'.
As per the context, the word 'With' fits in very well & hence, it is the correct choice.
9. **(a):** The correct answer is option a.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Acknowledged'.
As per the context, the word 'Acknowledged' fits in very well & hence, it is the correct choice.
10. **(c):** The correct answer is option c.
The given sentence is 'Direct Speech'.
Direct Speech - Reporting the message of the speaker in the exact words as spoken by him.
The given sentence is 'Assertive sentence.'
While changing it into an indirect form, we consider following rules.
Conjunction - In the Assertive sentence conjunction 'That' is used.
'Past Continuous (Subject +was/were+V1 +ing+ Object)' changes to 'Past perfect continuous (Subject +had been+V1 +ing+ Object)'.
The sentence thus formed is - Neena said that she had been living in Bhopal.
11. **(a):** The correct answer is option a.
Achilles' Heel - It is an idiomatic expression which means, 'The weak point of an otherwise powerful person or organization.'
Option (a) portrays the same meaning as that of the given idiom & hence it is the correct choice.
12. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
Benign - pleasant and kind.
Synonyms - harmless, hurtless, innocent, innocuous, inoffensive, safe.
Antonyms - adverse, damaging, dangerous, detrimental, evil, harmful, hurtful, ill.
13. **(d):** The correct answer is option d.
Oligarchy - A small group of people having control of a country or organization.
Plutocracy - Government by the wealthy
Secular - Government not connected with religious or spiritual matters
Monarchy - A form of government with a monarch at the head.
Option (d) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.
14. **(c):** The correct answer is option c.
Efface - to remove something intentionally.
Synonyms - abolish, eradicate, erase, demolish, destroy
Antonyms - conserve, preserve, protect, save, build, construct, reconstruct, renew, renovate, repair, restore.



Option (c) portrays the same meaning as that of the given word & hence it is the correct choice.

- 15. (d):** The correct answer is option d.
The error lies in part (d) of the sentence. Replace 'Were' with 'Was' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.
When two or more subjects are joined by- 'as well as, like, unlike, besides, in addition to, with, together with, along with, rather than, no less than, except, nothing but' then the verb is used according to the first subject.
- 16. (d):** The correct answer is option d.
The proper arrangement is – CDAB
- 17. (c):** The correct answer is option c.
The given sentence is of 'Active voice'.
The sentence is said to be in active voice when 'Subject' is active & does something.
Now we have to convert it into passive voice.
Passive voice – If the sentence is in passive form, the subject remains inactive. It does nothing, but allows something to be done.
In the passive form, the object of the verb in Active voice becomes the subject of the verb in the Passive voice. 'By' is introduced as now the subject receives the action by the object.
The given sentence is in the 'Present Continuous tense.'
Structure in active voice - Subject + is/am/are+ v1+ ing + object
Structure in passive voice - Object+ is/am/are+ being+ V3+ by + subject
The sentence thus formed is – A book is being written by Mahesh.
- 18. (a):** The correct answer is option a.
Gregarious - Fond of company
Notorious - Well known for bad qualities
Consummate - Perfectly, highly skilled reached the zenith of art
Quixotic - One who is extravagantly romantic, chivalrous and impractical
Option (a) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.
- 19. (b):** The correct answer is option b.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'How'.
How - in what way or manner

For example - He did not know how he ought to behave.

What - We can use what to ask for information about things and actions:

For example - What do you want?

If - We often use if to introduce possible or impossible situations or conditions and their results. The situations or conditions can be real, imagined or uncertain.

For example - I usually make a sandwich to take to work if I have enough time.

When - We use when as a conjunction meaning 'at the time that'.

For example - When I was young, there were no houses here.

- 20. (d):** The correct answer is option d.
Far and wide – It is an idiomatic expression which means, 'If people come from far and wide, they come from a large number of places, some of them far away.'
Option (d) portrays the same meaning as that of the given idiom & hence, it is the correct choice.
- 21. (c):** The correct answer is option c.
The correct spelling is 'Leisure'.
Remaining words are spelt correctly.
- 22. (d):** The correct answer is option d.
The error lies in part (d) of the sentence. Replace 'Or' with 'And' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.
Both ...and – 'Both' is paired with 'And' to add emphasis to two coordinated elements in a sentence.
'Both' is followed by the conjunction 'And'.
- 23. (a):** The correct answer is option a.
Replace, 'Was' with 'Were' to make the sentence grammatically correct.
When two subjects are connected with 'Either...or, neither nor, not only ...but also' nor, or, the verb agrees with the latter subject.
- 24. (d):** The correct answer is option d.
Replace, 'Named by' with 'Named after' to make the sentence grammatically correct.
Named after - To give someone or something the same name as another person or thing.
For example - Paul was named after his grandfather.
- 25. (b):** The correct answer is option b.
The proper arrangement is- BCAD

