

Mock - 12

Practice Set

- Select the option that is the indirect form of the given sentence.
Manoj said to his friends, "I work in the telecom sector."
(a) Manoj told his friends that he has been working in the telecom sector.
(b) Manoj told his friends that he was working in the telecom sector.
(c) Manoj told his friends that he worked in the telecom sector.
(d) Manoj told his friends that he should work in a telecom sector.
- Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.
Many a famous star have been ruined by drugs.
(a) Many a famous star (b) have been ruined
(c) by drugs. (d) No Error
- Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Down for the count
(a) To be out of your comfort zone
(b) To make an extra effort
(c) To give something a try
(d) Having been, or very near to being, defeated
- Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.
According to the International Forum for Rights and Security, China's unethical practice of forced organ harvesting is serving a _____ purpose.
(a) Commercial (b) Nefarious
(c) Amicable (d) Educational
- Select the option that will improve the segment in **bold** of the given sentence.
In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'
Women respond **better from** men to competitive pressure.
(a) best then (b) better than
(c) No improvement (d) Good to
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Hapless
(a) Annoying (b) Boring
(c) Confused (d) Unfortunate
- Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.
Fifty per cent of the population are still dependent on agriculture and occupations related to agriculture.
(a) Fifty per cent of
(b) are still dependent
(c) occupations related to agriculture.
(d) No Error
- Select the option that will improve the segment in **bold** of the given sentence.
In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'
The National Curriculum Framework, 2005, **assumes** that children's life at school must be linked to their life outside the school.
(a) Recommends (b) Notices
(c) Published (d) No improvement
- Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
A Japanese form of self-defence and martial art that uses locks, holds, throws, and the opponent's own movements.
(a) Kung fu (b) Aikido
(c) Jujutsu (d) Judo
- Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Allure
(a) Repel (b) Observe
(c) Perform (d) Reflect
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Defray
(a) Dream (b) Require
(c) Struggle (d) Fund



12. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.

The West Bengal government and the IIM Calcutta have joined hands to _____ leadership training to 1,300 heads of educational institutes.

- (a) Deal (b) Impart
(c) Generate (d) Negotiate

13. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Lasting for a very short time.

- (a) Extempore (b) Exonerate
(c) Eccentric (d) Ephemeral

14. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

- (a) Cemetary (b) Column
(c) Conscience (d) Committed

15. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives the correct order.

- A. If you want to achieve something great, you need to work for it day in and day out.
B. You see, Rome wasn't built in a single day.
C. The same is true if you want to become a better person.
D. It takes constant effort to change your life and transform yourself into the person you want to be.

- (a) ADBC (b) DACB
(c) BACD (d) CABD

16. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

Bleak

- (a) Brave (b) Dangerous
(c) Cheerful (d) Foolish

17. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A dime a dozen

- (a) An ideal situation
(b) To be common
(c) An opportunity in hand
(d) To be in a difficult situation

18. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

- (a) Acceptable (b) Authoritative
(c) Acquire (d) Acclaim

19. Select the option that is the passive form of the given sentence.

Anita is teaching Mukesh.

- (a) Mukesh is being taught by Anita.
(b) Mukesh was taught by Anita.
(c) Mukesh has been taught by Anita.
(d) Mukesh would have been taught by Anita.

20. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives the correct order.

- A. Affirmations are proven methods of self-improvement because of their ability to rewire our brains.
B. Positive Affirmations are short positive statements targeted at a specific set of negative beliefs.
C. Replacing these negative beliefs with positive and nurturing affirmations will help you achieve a happier, healthier and more positive life.
D. Positive affirmations are a very powerful tool in building esteem.

- (a) BCDA (b) DACB
(c) CABD (d) ACBD

Directions (21-25): 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 was an old owl who lived in an oak tree. Every day, he observed _____ (1) that occurred around him.

Yesterday, he _____ (2) as a young boy helped an old man carry a heavy basket. Today, he saw a young girl shouting at her mother. The more he saw, the less he spoke.

As the days went _____ (3), he spoke less but heard more. The old owl heard people talking and telling stories.

He heard a woman saying an elephant jumped over a fence. He heard a man saying that he had _____ (4) made a mistake.

The old owl had _____ (5) and heard what happened to people. There were some who became better, some who became worse. But the old owl in the tree had become wiser, each and every day.

21. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 1
 (a) Incidents (b) Problems
 (d) People (d) Historian
22. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 2
 (a) Understood (b) Remembered
 (d) Avoided (d) Watched
23. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 3
 (a) With (b) On

- (d) By (d) To

24. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 4
 (a) Never (b) Always
 (d) Occasionally (d) Still
25. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 5
 (a) Convince (b) Doubt
 (d) Seen (d) Follow

Solutions

1. **(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 an 'Assertive sentence.'
 While changing it into an indirect form, we consider following rules.
 Reported Verb - 'Said to' changes to 'Told'.
 Conjunction - In an Assertive sentence conjunction 'That' is used.
 Tense - 'Present simple (Subject +V1st + Object)' changes to 'Past simple (Subject +V2 + Object)'.
 The sentence thus formed is - Manoj told his friends that he worked in the telecom sector.
2. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
 The error lies in part (b) of the sentence.
 Replace 'Have' with 'Has' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.
 The expression 'many a/an' - is used to indicate a large number of something. However, it takes a singular noun, which can be followed by a singular verb.
3. **(d):** The correct answer is option d.
 Down for the count - It is an idiomatic expression which means, 'Having been, or very near to being, defeated, ruined, or overcome'.
 Option (d) portrays the same meaning as that of the given idiom & hence, it is the correct choice.

4. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
 The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Nefarious'.
 Nefarious - criminal; extremely bad, (especially of activities) morally bad
 For example - They can hack your account and use the information for nefarious purposes.
 In the given sentence usage of 'Unethical practice of forced organ harvesting' indicates a negative meaning hence, we need a word which gives the same sense or meaning. This makes option (b) the correct choice.
5. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
 Replace 'Better from' with 'Better than' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.
 Than- It is a conjunction that is used for making comparisons between elements, objects, people, etc.
 For example - Coca-Cola is better than Pepsi.
 In the given sentence, comparison is being made between the response of women and men to competitive pressure. Hence, usage of 'Than' is appropriate.
6. **(d):** The correct answer is option d.
 Hapless - unlucky and usually unhappy.
 Synonyms - unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky, wretched
 Antonyms - fortunate, happy, lucky.



7. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
The error lies in part (b) of the sentence. Replace 'Are' with 'Is' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Fractions and percentages, like team and staff, can be either singular or plural depending on the object of the preposition following. In this case population is the object of the preposition 'Of' which is singular hence, usage of the singular verb 'Is' makes the sentence grammatically correct.
8. **(a):** The correct answer is option a.
Replace 'Assumes' with 'Recommends' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.
Recommends - Put forward (someone or something) with approval as being suitable for a particular purpose or role.
For example - Raj had recommended some local architects.
9. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
Aikido - A Japanese form of self-defence and martial art that uses locks, holds, throws, and the opponent's own movements.
Kung fu - A primarily unarmed Chinese martial art resembling karate.
Jujutsu - A Japanese system of unarmed combat and physical training.
Judo - A sport of unarmed combat derived from ju-jitsu and intended to train the body and mind. It involves using holds and leverage to unbalance the opponent.
Option (b) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.
10. **(a):** The correct answer is option a.
Allure - powerfully attractive or charming; tempt.
Synonyms - bewitch, captivate, charm, enchant, fascinate, delight, gratify, please
Antonyms - disgust, offend, repel, revolt, annoy, displease
11. **(d):** The correct answer is option d.
Defray - provide money to pay (a cost or expense).
Synonyms - finance, fund, stake, subsidize, refinance, aid.
Antonyms - defund.
12. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Impart'.
Impart - To give something such as information, knowledge, or beliefs to someone.
For example - The teachers imparted a great deal of knowledge to their pupils.
13. **(d):** The correct answer is option d.
Ephemeral - Lasting for a very short time.
Extempore - Spoken or done without preparation
Exonerate - Release someone from a duty or obligation
Eccentric - (of a person or their behaviour) unconventional and slightly strange.
Option (d) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.
14. **(a):** The correct answer is option a.
The correct spelling is 'Cemetery'.
15. **(c):** The correct answer is option c.
The proper arrangement is - BACD
16. **(c):** The correct answer is option c.
Bleak - lacking in warmth, life, or kindness, not hopeful or encouraging.
Synonyms - cheerless, depressing, miserable, sullen, wretched.
Antonyms - bright, cheerful, comforting, cordial, festive.
17. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
A dime a dozen - It is an idiomatic expression which means, 'Something common.'
Option (b) portrays the same meaning as that of the given idiom & hence, it is the correct choice.
18. **(c):** The correct answer is option c.
The correct spelling is, "Acquire".
19. **(a):** The correct answer is option a.
The given sentence is 'Active voice sentence'.

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.

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 - Mukesh is being taught by Anita.

20. (a): The correct answer is option a.

The proper arrangement is – BCDA

21. (a): The correct answer is option a.

The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Incidents'.

As per the context, the word 'Incidents' fits in very well & hence, it is the correct choice.

22. (d): The correct answer is option d.

The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Watched'.

As per the context, the word 'Watched' fits in very well & hence, it is the correct choice.

23. (b): The correct answer is option b.

The word that can be filled in the blank is 'On'.

Went on – It is a phrase which means, "To continue happening or doing something as before".

For example - The meeting went on a lot longer than I expected.

24. (a): The correct answer is option a.

The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Never'.

25. (c): The correct answer is option c.

The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Seen'.

As per the context, the word 'Seen' fits in very well & hence, it is the correct choice.

