

## Mock - 13

## Practice Set

- Select the option that is the indirect form of the given sentence.  
Maya said to her son, "Truth always wins".  
(a) Maya told her son that truth always wins.  
(b) Maya told her son that truth always won.  
(c) Maya told her son that truth has always won.  
(d) Maya told her son that truth will always be won.
- Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.  
Passer-bys wear masks as they chat with one another while crossing a street, in Boston.  
(a) as they chat  
(b) No Error  
(c) while crossing a street  
(d) Passer-bys wear masks
- Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.  
The ball is in your court  
(a) To stay alert about something  
(b) It is up to you to make the next move  
(c) To achieve what's expected of you  
(d) To watch or follow the ball carefully
- Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.  
Takshashila was an ancient Indian city, \_\_\_\_\_ is now in north-western Pakistan.  
(a) When (b) Whom  
(c) Which (d) Whose
- Select the option that will improve the segment in bold of the given sentence.  
In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'  
Hardly had Arjun seen his parents **than** he stopped fighting.  
(a) Then (b) When  
(c) While (d) No improvement
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Forsake  
(a) Approve (b) Sanction  
(c) Withhold (d) Reclaim
- Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.  
It's high time you start thinking about completing your education.  
(a) It's high time  
(b) you start thinking  
(c) about completing your  
(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.'  
This room is big, **so** looks dull and cluttered.  
(a) But (b) And  
(c) Because (d) No improvement
- Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. Study of election trends  
(a) Graphology (b) Acoustics  
(c) Psephology (d) Calligraphy
- Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.  
Fabricate  
(a) Destroy (b) Arrange  
(c) Battle (d) Confuse
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Clandestine  
(a) Attractive (b) Secret  
(c) Capable (d) Imaginary
- Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.  
The institution \_\_\_\_\_ the learning levels of the students, after admission and organises special Programmes for advanced learners and slow learners.  
(a) Assesses (b) Access  
(c) Assures (d) Accomplished
- Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.  
The sound of birds  
(a) Twitter (b) Quack  
(c) Squeak (d) Screech
- Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.  
(a) Interrupt (b) Harrassment  
(c) Grateful (d) Existence



15. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives the correct order.
- A. He stays in a jhuggi.  
 B. He has shifted from Jhumri Taliah along with his 3 brothers, 2 sisters and old parents.  
 C. Ahmad is a rickshaw puller in Bangalore.  
 D. The survival of all members of his family depends on his daily earnings from pulling rickshaw.
- (a) BCAD (b) DACB  
 (c) CBAD (d) ADBC
16. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.  
 Insipid
- (a) Gentle (b) Tasty  
 (c) Polite (d) Sweet
17. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.  
 As bold as brass
- (a) Bold to the point of rudeness  
 (b) Visually striking  
 (c) Courageous action is often rewarded  
 (d) Large and capable of getting attention
18. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.
- (a) Believe (b) Conscious  
 (c) Existence (d) Assassination
19. Select the option that is the passive form of the given sentence.  
 Amey is serving poor people.
- (a) Poor people were being served by Amey.  
 (b) Poor people must be served by Amey.  
 (c) Poor people are being served by Amey.  
 (d) Poor people have been served by Amey.
20. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives the correct order.
- A. Founded in 427 in north-eastern India, not far from what is today the southern border of Nepal, it survived until 1197.  
 B. It was devoted to Buddhist studies, but it also trained students in fine arts, medicine, mathematics, astronomy, politics and the art of war.

- C. Nalanda was established in the 5th century AD in Bihar, India.  
 D. Nalanda was an ancient centre of higher learning in Bihar, India from 427 to 1197.
- (a) ABCD (b) CBDA  
 (c) BDCA (d) DCAB

**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.

The cold weather season \_\_\_\_\_ (21) from mid-November in northern India and stays till February. December and January are the coldest months in the northern part of India. The temperature decreases from the south \_\_\_\_\_ (22) the north. The average temperature of Chennai, on the eastern coast, is between 24° - 25° Celsius, while in the northern plains, it ranges between 10°C and 15° Celsius. Days are warm and nights are cold. Frost is common in the north and the higher slopes of the Himalayas \_\_\_\_\_ (23) snowfall. During this season, the northeast trade winds \_\_\_\_\_ (24) over the country. They blow from land to sea and hence, for most parts of the country, it is a dry season. Some amount of rainfall \_\_\_\_\_ (25) on the Tamil Nadu coast from these winds as, here they blow from sea to land.

21. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 21
- (a) Began (b) Begins  
 (c) Begun (d) Begin
22. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 22
- (a) To (b) By  
 (c) With (d) And
23. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 23
- (a) Balance (b) Extend  
 (c) Gather (d) Experience
24. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 24
- (a) Developed (b) Freeze  
 (c) Prevail (d) Settle
25. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 25
- (a) Occurs (b) Carries  
 (c) Originates (d) Came

## Solutions

1. (a): The correct answer is option a.  
 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.'

When the reported clause of a direct speech is a universal truth or any historical event or a habitual action (a part of the daily routine), then the tense of the indirect speech doesn't change,



no matter in whatever tense the reporting verb is.

The sentence thus formed is - Maya told her son that truth always wins.

2. **(d):** The correct answer is option d.  
The error lies in part (d) of the sentence. Replace 'Passer-bys' with 'Passers-by' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. 'Passers-by' is a plural noun. It is the plural form of 'Passer-by', which is someone moving alongside a person or event. The verb 'to pass' means 'to move alongside', and the noun 'Passer' refers to 'Someone who does so'. Its plural is 'Passers'. By can be a synonym of alongside in some context, as in the phrases slide by or walk on by. Thus, 'Passers-by' refer to people who pass by.
3. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.  
The ball is in your court - It is an idiomatic expression which means, 'Used for telling someone that it is their responsibility to take action or make a decision'.  
Option (b) portrays the same meaning as that of the given idiom & hence, it is the correct choice.
4. **(c):** The correct answer is option c.  
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Which'.  
Which - It introduces non-defining clauses (also called nonessential or non-restrictive clauses) that don't limit the meaning of the sentence. A non-restrictive clause, on the other hand, is used to supply additional information that is not essential to understanding the main point of the sentence.  
For example - These clothes, which no longer fit you, should be given away.  
When - As a conjunction meaning 'At the time that'.  
For example - When I was young, there were no houses here.  
Whose - It is a possessive pronoun. Use it when you're asking (or telling) to whom something belongs.  
For example - Whose car is this?  
Whom - Whom should be used to refer to the object of a verb or preposition.  
For example - I do not know with whom I will go to the prom.
5. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.  
Replace 'Than' with 'When' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Hardly ..... when - It is used, "To say that something happened and another thing happened very soon afterwards".

6. **(c):** The correct answer is option c.  
Forsake - to leave someone forever, especially when they need you.  
Synonyms - hold, keep, own, possess, reserve, retain, withhold  
Antonyms - Reclaim
7. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.  
The error lies in part (b) of the sentence. Replace 'Start' with 'Started' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.  
It's (high) time + subject + Verb (past simple)  
Meaning - something should be done, and that's a bit late.  
It is a high time followed by the clause in simple past that shows present time. Hence, 'you started thinking' should be used.
8. **(a):** The correct answer is option a.  
Replace 'So' with 'But' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.  
But - The conjunction 'But' is used to suggest a contrast.  
For example - It was a sunny day, but the wind was cold.  
So - It is used to link between cause/ reason and results  
For example - She was hungry so she got some food.  
And - It means, "Also, in addition to". It is used when the statements are similar.  
For example - His mom and dad are teachers.  
Because - It is used to give reasons.  
For example - She doesn't go to school because she's sick.
9. **(c):** The correct answer is option c.  
Psephology - Study of election trends  
Graphology - Study of handwriting  
Acoustics - Study of sound and sound waves  
Calligraphy - Art related to ornate, good handwriting  
Option (c) 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.  
Fabricate - invent (something) in order to deceive.  
Synonyms - fashion, form, frame, make, manufacture, produce  
Antonyms - demolish, destroy, devastate, separate



- 11. (b):** The correct answer is option b.  
Clandestine - marked by, held in, or conducted with secrecy.  
Synonyms - private, secret, underground, underhand, underhanded  
Antonyms - open, overt, public
- 12. (a):** The correct answer is option a.  
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Assesses'.  
Assesses - Evaluate or estimate the nature, ability, or quality of.  
For example - The committee must assess the relative importance of the issues.  
Access- To be able to get to or get inside a place.  
For example - It is too difficult for anyone using a wheelchair to access the building.  
Assures - To tell someone confidently that something is true, especially so that they do not worry.  
For example - The unions assured the new owners of the workers' loyalty to the company.  
Accomplished - To finish something successfully or to achieve something.  
For example - The students accomplished the task in less than ten minutes.
- 13. (a):** The correct answer is option a.  
Twitter - The sound of Birds  
Quack - The sound of Ducks  
Screech - The sound of Parrots  
Squeak - The sound of Rats  
Option (a) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.
- 14. (b):** The correct answer is option b.  
The correct spelling is 'Harassment'.
- 15. (c):** The correct answer is option c.  
The proper arrangement is - CBAD
- 16. (b):** The correct answer is option b.  
Inspid - lacking in qualities that interest, stimulate, or challenge.  
Synonyms - dead, flat, flavourless, savourless, tasteless, unsavoury  
Antonyms - flavourful, flavoursome, sapid, savoury, tasteful, tasty
- 17. (a):** The correct answer is option a.  
As bold as brass - It is an idiomatic expression which means, 'Showing a lot of confidence, especially in a way that people think is rude or shocking'.  
Option (a) portrays the same meaning as that of the given idiom & hence, it is the correct choice.
- 18. (d):** The correct answer is option d.  
The correct spelling is, "Assassination".
- 19. (c):** The correct answer is option c.  
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 - Poor people are being served by Amey.
- 20. (d):** The correct answer is option d.  
The proper arrangement is - DCAB
- 21. (b):** The correct answer is option b.  
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Begins'.  
As per the context, the word 'Begins' fits in very well & hence, it is the correct choice.
- 22. (a):** The correct answer is option a.  
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'To'.  
From...to - 'From' is used with 'to' - to show the beginning and ending point of an action in time.  
For example - I work from 8.30 am to 5.00pm every day.
- 23. (d):** The correct answer is option d.  
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Experience'.  
As per the context, the word 'Experience' fits in very well & hence, it is the correct choice.
- 24. (c):** The correct answer is option c.  
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Prevail'.  
Prevail over - To be most common or frequent; be predominant.
- 25. (a):** The correct answer is option a.  
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Occurs'.  
As per the context, the word 'Occurs' fits in very well & hence, it is the correct choice.

