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Practice Set

- Select the option that is the indirect form of the given sentence.
Mr. Khanna said to his assistant, "Call me soon."
(a) Mr. Khanna asked his assistant to call him soon.
(b) Mr. Khanna told his assistant to call him soon.
(c) Mr. Khanna informed his assistant that he must call him soon.
(d) Mr. Khanna asked his assistant if he can call him soon.
- Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.
Don't lie to your friends, lest you should not lose precious relations unnecessarily.
(a) Don't lie to your friends
(b) lest you should
(c) not lose precious
(d) No Error
- Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
It's not rocket science
(a) To think in a similar way and understand each other well
(b) Very easy to learn or understand
(c) To deliberately provoke someone
(d) To be common
- Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.
The cost of education can be hard to _____, but it's a necessary expense, unfortunately.
(a) Overcome (b) Discredit
(c) Predict (d) Swallow
- Select the option that will improve the segment in bold of the given sentence.
In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'
Gautam is not thinking so logically that he can.
(a) The same logically as
(b) So logically as
(c) No improvement
(d) As logically as
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Barren
(a) Unproductive (b) Bright
(c) Defeated (d) Puzzled
- Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.
Beside being an astronaut, Kalpana Chawla was licensed to fly single and multi-engine land airplanes, single-engine seaplanes and gliders.
(a) Beside being an astronaut
(b) was licensed to fly
(c) single and multi-engine land airplanes
(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.'
Neither of the passengers were hurt.
(a) Was hurt (b) Were being hurt
(c) Have been hurt (d) No improvement
- Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
A large, decorative frame which holds light bulbs or candles and hangs from the ceiling.
(a) Coercion (b) Comely
(c) Connoisseur (d) Chandelier
- Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Consolidate
(a) Concentrate (b) Weaken
(c) Develop (d) Influence
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Jaded
(a) Handsome (b) Innocent
(c) Jobless (d) Fatigued
- Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.
The Gram Sabha is the _____ of the Panchayati Raj and village development.
(a) Fulcrum (b) Valiance
(c) Harbinger (d) Catalyst
- Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
Relating to or living in trees
(a) Acumen (b) Arboreal
(c) Aerial (d) Apiary



14. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.
 (a) Imitate (b) Anually
 (c) Desperate (d) Vicious
15. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives the correct order.
 A. On a holiday they went walking into a forest, enjoying the beauty of nature.
 B. Vijay and Raju were friends.
 C. Suddenly they saw a tiger coming at them.
 D. They became frightened.
 (a) ADBC (b) DACB
 (c) CABD (d) BACD
16. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
 Indigent
 (a) Capable (b) Fantastic
 (c) Wealthy (d) Graceful
17. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
 Go on a wild goose chase
 (a) A complicated or lengthy and usually fruitless pursuit or search
 (b) To try to do something that is too difficult for you
 (c) To ruin someone's plans
 (d) To argue hard to get a favourable deal
18. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.
 (a) Discipline (b) Fiery
 (c) Harass (d) Inoculate
19. Select the option that is the passive form of the given sentence.
 She called off the meeting.
 (a) The meeting was being called off by her.
 (b) The meeting might have been called off by her.
 (c) The meeting was called off by her.
 (d) The meeting had been called off by her.
20. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives the correct order.
 A. The dog family is one of the 11 families that make up the Carnivores.
 B. Dogs were first used for hunting.

- C. Dogs were the first animals tamed by humans—perhaps 20,000 years ago.
 D. Tamed dogs were brought from Asia to the New World 5,000 or more years ago.
 (a) ACDB (b) CBDA
 (c) BDCA (d) DACB

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.

Being kind to _____ (21) is not just a nice idea, it's an essential form of self-care and a vital foundation for sustained kindness to others. Remember those aircraft safety briefings that _____ (22) the importance of putting on your own oxygen mask before helping others? Well, kindness to yourself is a bit like that. Often when I'm working with people, it quickly becomes apparent that they're so strongly _____ (23) to taking care of everyone and everything around them that they've forgotten to take care of themselves. They're going through life trying so hard to look after others, all the while not _____ (24), they don't have their own oxygen mask on. _____ (25) they reach breaking point and end up sitting in front of me.

21. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 21
 (a) Others (b) Haters
 (c) Yourself (d) Contestant
22. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 22
 (a) Stress (b) Highlighted
 (c) Cautions (d) Announces
23. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 23
 (a) Chosen (b) Continues
 (c) Asked (d) Committed
24. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 24
 (a) Believing (b) Realising
 (c) Communicating (d) Imagining
25. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 25
 (a) Purposefully (b) Thankfully
 (c) Proudly (d) Eventually

Solutions

1. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
 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 imperative sentence.

The type of sentence which expresses order, request, command, advice, and warning is called an imperative sentence.

The sense of command, order, advice, request is implied in the reported clause of the sentence.



We have to change the reporting verb in accordance with the mood of the sentence.

The verb of the reported clause changes to infinitive. After omitting comma and inverted comma instead of using usual conjunctions like 'that', 'if', 'whether', the word 'to' is used to connect reporting and reported clauses.

The sentence thus formed is - Mr. Khanna told his assistant to call him soon.

2. **(c):** The correct answer is option c.
The error lies in part (c) of the sentence. Remove 'Not' before the verb 'Lose' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.
The conjunction 'lest' is not very common in modern English. This word has a negative meaning. Therefore, it should not be used with not. The only auxiliary verb that can follow lest is 'Should.' It is followed by something the speaker thinks should be avoided.
3. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
It's not rocket science - It is an idiomatic expression which means, 'Very easy to learn or understand.'
Option (b) portrays the same meaning as that of the given idiom & hence, it is the correct choice.
4. **(d):** The correct answer is option d.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Swallow'.
Hard to swallow - It is an idiom which means, "Hard to believe or accept."
Overcome -To manage to control or defeat somebody/something
5. **(d):** The correct answer is option d.
Replace 'So logically that' with 'As logically as' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.
The structure as...as is used to compare things that are of similar proportion.
In this case the first 'As' acts as an adverb modifying the adjective or adverb that goes after it. The second 'As' can act as a preposition or conjunction. If it is used as a preposition, it will be followed by a noun or pronoun.
For example - He runs as fast as he can. (Here the first 'As' modifies the adverb fast and the second 'As' modifies the clause 'He can'.)
'So ... as' constructions indicate extent or degree.
'So ... that' constructions indicate an actual consequence—in other words, a theoretical versus a real result.

'The same...as' expresses that two items are equal—the same is followed by a noun such as size, weight, colour (a measurable or comparable standard)

6. **(a):** The correct answer is option a.
Barren - unproductive of results or gain: FRUITLESS
Synonyms - impoverished, infertile, unfertile, unproductive.
Antonyms - fertile, fruitful, lush, luxuriant, productive, rich
7. **(a):** The correct answer is option a.
The error lies in part (a) of the sentence. Replace 'Beside' with 'Besides' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.
Beside - It is a preposition that means 'Close to' OR 'Next to.'
For example - Your book is *beside* the closet.
Besides - It is also a preposition that means 'In addition to' OR 'Apart from.' It can also serve as an adverb that means 'Furthermore' OR 'Another thing.'
Come and sit beside me.
For example - *Besides* Sneha, who else went to school?
8. **(a):** The correct answer is option a.
Replace 'Were hurt' with 'Was hurt' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.
Neither is grammatically singular and usually takes singular verbs. When used as a pronoun to mean "not the one or the other," it negates each of two things individually.
9. **(d):** The correct answer is option d.
Chandelier - a large, decorative frame which holds light bulbs or candles and hangs from the ceiling.
Comely - pleurably conforming to notions of good appearance, suitability, or proportion.
Coercion - the act or process of persuading someone forcefully to do something that they do not want to do.
Connoisseur - a person who knows a lot about art, good food, music, etc.
Option (d) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.
10. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
Consolidate - to become, or cause something to become, stronger, and more certain.

Synonyms - boost, deepen, enhance, heighten, intensify, magnify, strengthen
 Antonyms - decrease, diminish, weaken, alleviate, ease, lighten

- 11. (d):** The correct answer is option d.
 Jaded - tired and bored after doing the same thing for a long time without a break
 Synonyms - drained, exhausted, fatigued
 Antonyms - fresh, refreshed, rejuvenated, relaxed, revitalized, active, energetic, invigorated, strengthened
- 12. (a):** The correct answer is option a.
 The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Fulcrum'.
 Fulcrum - the point on which something turns or is supported
 Valiance - great courage or determination.
 Harbinger - something that foreshadows a future event: something that gives an anticipatory sign of what is to come.
 Catalyst - something that arouses action or activity
- 13. (b):** The correct answer is option b.
 Arboreal - relating to or living in trees.
 Acumen - Superior mental acuteness
 Aerial - Living in air
 Apiary - a place where bees are kept.
 Option (b) 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 'Annually.'
- 15. (d):** The correct answer is option d.
 The proper arrangement is - BACD
- 16. (c):** The correct answer is option c.
 Indigent - suffering from extreme poverty: IMPOVERISHED
 Synonyms - impoverished, needy, penniless, poor.
 Antonyms - affluent, opulent, rich, wealthy.
- 17. (a):** The correct answer is option a.
 Go on a wild goose chase - It is an idiomatic expression which means, 'a foolish search for something that cannot be achieved.'

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, "Inoculate".
- 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 past simple tense.
 Structure in active voice - Subject + V2+ object
 Structure in passive voice - Object+ was/were V3+ by + subject
 The sentence thus formed is - The meeting was called off by her.
- 20. (a):** The correct answer is option a.
 The proper arrangement is - ACDB
- 21. (c):** The correct answer is option c.
 The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Yourself'.
 As per the context, the word 'Yourself' 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 'Stress'.
 As per the context, the word 'Stress' fits in very well & hence, it is the correct choice.
- 23. (d):** The correct answer is option d.
 The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Committed.'
 Committed to - To devote or dedicate oneself or another to someone or something.
 For example - You need to fully commit yourself to your family and stop working so many hours.
- 24. (b):** The correct answer is option b.
 The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Realising'.
- 25. (d):** The correct answer is option d.
 The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Eventually'.
 Eventually - in the end; finally

