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EXAMINATION- 2012

Directions (Q.No. 1-5) In these questions, some part of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error.

1. I wasn't / at the last meeting and /

- (a) (b)

neither was you / No error

- (c) (d)

2. from one another / No error

- (c) (d)

3. He remembered / that his visa /

- (a) (b)

will be expired in a month / No error

- (c) (d)

4. When I shall see him / I shall

- (a) (b)

/ tell him / No error

- (c) (d)

5. In any case no disciplinary action /

- (a)

are required / to be taken / No error

- (b) (c) (d)

Directions (Q.No. 6-10) In these questions sentences are given below 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.

6. That hardly counts, _____

- (a) does it?
(b) doesn't it?
(c) do it?

(d) don't it?

7. There aren't _____ mountains in that part of the country.

(a) much

(b) many

(c) more

(d) less

8. An optimist thinks that all _____ well with the world.

(a) shall

(b) will be

(c) is

(d) was

9. Only people who are afraid to sign their names send _____ letters.

(a) unanimous

(b) anonymous

(c) official

(d) informal

10. The examination will begin _____ Monday.

(a) from

(b) in

(c) at

(d) on

Directions (Q. No. 11-15) Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

11. Novice

(a) Beginner

(b) Virtuous

(c) Trainer

(d) Learner

12. Adversary

(a) Poverty

(b) Contestant

(c) Opponent

(d) Antagonistic

13. Dishonour

(a) Infamy

(b) Glory

(c) Uncouth

(d) Wicked

14. Erudite

(a) Scholarly

(b) Friendly

(c) Miserly

(d) Lovely

15. Idea

(a) Comprehension

(b) Notion

(c) Emotion

(d) Gist

Directions (Q.No. 16-20) Choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

16. Obvious

(a) Simple

(b) Clear

(c) Difficult

(d) Vague

17. Implicit

(a) Explicit

(b) Implied

(c) Explained

(d) Exquisite

18. Capture

(a) Catch

(b) Detain

(c) Liberate

(d) Stop

19. Repulsive

(a) Attractive

(b) Offensive

(c) Defensive

(d) Pensive

20. Misery

(a) Sorry

(b) Careless

(c) Joy

(d) Content

Directions (Q. No. 21-23) In the following questions, four alternatives are given for the given idiom/phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the given idiom/phrase.

21. I had to pull strings to put up a good show.

(a) play music

- (b) use personal influence
- (c) use the instrument
- (d) play a song

22. You can easily overcome this situation, if you keep your head.

- (a) keep faith in
- (b) remain calm
- (c) believe in
- (d) trust the others

23. It is clear that the ideas of both reformers ran in the same groove.

- (a) Promoted each other
- (b) Clashed with each other
- (c) Moved in harmony
- (d) Moved in different directions

Directions (Q. No. 24-25) In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

24. Cajole

- (a) Insist
- (b) Persuade
- (c) Flatter
- (d) Recommend

25. Fragrance

- (a) Taste
- (b) Aroma
- (c) Sight
- (d) Touch

Directions (Q. No. 26-27) In the following questions, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

26. Strife

- (a) war
- (b) Peace
- (c) Anger
- (d) Woe

27. Repulsive

- (a) Attractive
- (b) Reflective
- (c) Distinctive
- (d) Progressive

Directions (Q. No. 28-30) In the following questions, groups of four words are given. In each group, one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

28.

- (a) Definitely
- (b) Definatly
- (c) Definitley
- (d) Definitly

29.

- (a) Cemetary
- (b) Semetary
- (c) Cemetery
- (d) Cemetry

30.

- (a) Recesion
- (b) Reccesion
- (c) Reccession

(d) Recession

Directions (Q. No. 31-34) In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

31. The sparrows took no the bread.

- (a) notice of
- (b) notice-about
- (c) notice from
- (d) notice to

32. He shows great' ability mathematics.

- (a) at
- (b) for
- (c) about
- (d) in

33. There any message from my teacher, since she moved to London.

- (a) isn't
- (b) wasn't
- (c) hasn't been
- (d) hadn't been

34. May I give you advice?

- (a) an
- (b) some
- (c) little
- (d) one

Directions (Q. No. 35-35) In the following questions, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

35. I have not finished to paint the door.

- (a) painting
- (b) the paint of
- (c) the painting
- (d) No improvement

Directions (Q.No. 36 to 40) In these questions, part of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. If there is no error, mark (d) as your answer.

36.

- (a) Due to the heavy rains
- (b) the ship drowned
- (c) in the middle of the ocean
- (d) I No error

37.

- (a) Death of
- (b) his only son
- (c) made Mohan desolate
- (d) No error

38.

- (a) He fell heavily
- (b) and this caused
- (c) him great pain
- (d) No error

39.

- (a) When I met him
- (b) the couple of days back
- (c) he was writing a new book

(d) No error

40.

(a) In his old age

(b) a person is likely to get

(c) more weak day-by-day

(d) No error

Directions (Q.No. 41 to 45) In these questions, 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.

41. Our teacher several points before the exams.

(a) cleared off

(b) cleared away

(c) cleared up

(d) cleared out

42. Let me give you

(a) an advise

(b) any advice

(c) some advice

(d) some advises

43. The cart was driven bullocks.

(a) with

(b) off

(c) to

(d) by

44. Simon very polite at the moment, because he wants to make a good impression.

(a) was being

(b) has been

(c) is behaving

(d) is being

45. If I don't advantage of this platform, then how dare I be a film maker?

(a) make

(c) bring

(b) take

(d) find

Directions (Q.No. 46 to 50) In these questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

46. Meticulous

(a) Correct

(b) Clean

(c) Methodical

(d) Painstaking

47. Abundant

(a) Sufficient

(b) Plentiful

(c) Significant

(d) Vibrant

48. Anticipate

(a) Antagonise

(b) Expect

(c) Accept

(d) Hope

49. Restrict

(a) Curtail

(b) Prohibit

(c) Retain

(d) Retail

50. Tremendous

(a) Awesome

(b) Remarkable

(c) Considerable

(d) Excessive

Answers:

1	(c)
2	(c)
3	(c)
4	(a)
5	(b)
6	(a)
7	(b)
8	(c)
9	(b)
10	(a)

11	(a)
12	(c)
13	(a)
14	(a)
15	(b)
16	(d)
17	(a)
18	(c)
19	(a)
20	(c)

21	(b)
22	(b)
23	(c)
24	(b)
25	(b)
26	(b)
27	(a)
28	(a)
29	(c)
30	(d)

31	(a)
32	(a)
33	(c)
34	(b)
35	(a)
36	(b)
37	(c)
38	(c)
39	(b)
40	(c)

41	(c)
42	(c)
43	(d)
44	(d)
45	(b)
46	(c)
47	(b)
48	(b)
49	(a)
50	(a)