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General English

Instructions

Identify the incorrect sentence:

Question 1

- A A number of books are missing.
- B Many a man was drowned in the sea.
- C It is one of the important day in my life.
- D A great many students have been declared successful.

Answer: C

Question 2

- A He is a much strong man.
- B Amit is more good than brave.
- C He is the same man who he has seen.
- D It is I who has done it.

Answer: B

Question 3

- A He helped him more than he helped his own children
- B The teacher observed that the Earth moved round the sun.
- C He behaves as if he was a king.
- D Had you worked hard, you would have succeeded in the examination.

Answer: D

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 4

Fill in the blank using the correct tense:

The Air India next flight ___ at 7.00 tomorrow morning.

- A Was
- B is
- C Will be
- D Were

Answer: B

Question 5

Select the word that is most similar in meaning to the word in Capital letters:

ARDUOUS

- A Laborious
- B Inconvenient
- C Difficult
- D Delicate

Answer: C

Instructions

Pick the choice closest to the meaning of the word given in capital letters.

Question 6

REDUNDANT

- A Rough
- B Unrelated
- C Superfluous
- D Foolish

Answer: C

Question 7

BIZARRE

- A Wild
- B Stylish
- C Grotesque
- D Hyperactive

Answer: C

Instructions

Choose the correct preposition to fill in the gap

Question 8

Religious leaders should not delve _____ politics.

- A Into
- B to
- C with
- D in

Answer: A

Question 9

I think the story is a bit weak _____ the end

- A at
- B in
- C before
- D by

Answer: A

Question 10

He lives _____ Church Street.

- A in
- B at
- C by
- D down

Answer: A

Question 11

He is quite infatuated _____ her.

- A for
- B with
- C at
- D of

Answer: B

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 12

The same word is used as different parts of speech. In the given sentences, The word "after" has been used as different parts of speech. Point out the incorrectly matched pair:

- A They arrived soon after _____ Adverb
- B He takes after his father _____ Preposition
- C After ages shall sing his glory _____ Adjective
- D We went away after they had left _____ Preposition

Answer: D

Question 13

Rewrite the following sentence so as to get rid of the word "too" without changing the meaning of the sentence:

The news is too good to be true

- A The news is so good that it looks to be true.

- B The news is so good that it can not be true
- C The news is very good but not true
- D The news is very good and it looks to be true.

Answer: B

Instructions

Change the following sentence into correct passive voice:

Question 14

The grandmother was telling her grandchildren an interesting story

- A The grandchildren was being told an interesting story from grandmother
- B The grandmother was telling interesting story to her grandchildren.
- C An interesting story was told by the grandmother to her grandchildren.
- D An interesting story was being told by the grandmother to her grandchildren.

Answer: D

Question 15

I expected that they would take up the matter.

- A It was expected that they would take up the matter.
- B That the matter would be taken up by them was expected by me.
- C Matter would be taken up was expected by them.
- D They would take up the matter was expected by me.

Answer: B

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 16

Change the following sentence into Indirect speech:

He said, "Shall I ever pass this test?"

- A He wondered if he would ever pass the test.
- B He told if he would pass the test ever.
- C He surprised if he should have ever passed the test
- D He asked if he would have ever passed the test.

Answer: A

Question 17

Choose the appropriate word/ group of words to fill the gap making the sentence meaningful
Ram _____ many prizes at the school sports.

- A Got through

- B Bore away
- C Brought up
- D Broke off

Answer: B

Instructions

Select the antonym of the word given in capital letter:

Question 18

PROTEAN:

- A Versatile
- B Amateur
- C Dull
- D Cautious

Answer: C

Question 19

CLAMOUR:

- A Silence
- B Incubate
- C Murmur
- D Whip

Answer: A

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 20

In the following questions, pick out the correct meanings of the following idioms and phrases:

A snake in the grass

- A A secret or hidden enemy
- B An unreliable person
- C Unforeseen happening
- D A dangerous enemy

Answer: A

Instructions

Read the passage and answer the following questions.

The success that has been achieved in recasting Indian life and thought, has been due to the English language as much as the new type of culture from the West. It is significant that Indian writers and speakers have won world-wide admiration for their mastery of English and for their facility in using a foreign language, even in the most advanced forms of literature as if it were their mother-tongue.

In view of the changes proposed in the position of English in the educational system of India, it is essential to have a clear idea of its services to this country. Apart from this contribution, as a medium of higher education and as the language of administration throughout India, to the growth of cultural unity and national consciousness, it has enabled Indians to appreciate a great world-literature. This has, in the past, a most stimulating effect upon literary creation in almost every regional language in India. English has also been the medium through which the literatures, scientific thought, and philosophical speculations of continental Europe and of America have reached Indian intellectuals. Ignorance of English therefore must entail, for a long time to come, the risk of being unfamiliar with the latest thought currents of the world, and of intellectual isolation.

Question 21

State the contribution of English to Indian Life?

- A It has spoiled the culture of India.
- B It has highlighted the growth of India Culture, unity and national consciousness.
- C English has brought Indian United.
- D Indians have started to adopt English life.

Answer: B

Question 22

What would an ignorance of English lead to?

- A An ignorance of English would lead to lack of knowledge.
- B An ignorance of English would destroy us.
- C An ignorance of English would make us unfamiliar with thought currents of the world.
- D An ignorance of English would make us uncivilized.

Answer: C

Question 23

What are some Indian writers famous for?

- A Indian writers are famous for their works.
- B Indian Writers are famous for their mastery of English and in using a foreign language.
- C Indian writers are famous for their civilization.
- D Indian writers are famous for their Indian Books.

Answer: B

Question 24

What has been the success of English for Indians?

- A The success of English for Indian is very great.
- B English has pointed out Indian Life and thought at the world level.
- C Indians have started speaking English.
- D English has brought us close to the world.

Answer: B

Question 25

Give a suitable title of the passage.

- A Popularity of English
- B Importance of English Language.
- C English - an international language.
- D Proper use of English

Answer: B

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 26

Choose the correct antonyms of the word given in capital letter:

BURGEONING

- A Emerging
- B Established
- C Dying
- D Sneaking

Answer: A

Question 27

Choose the correct option out of the four choices given below:

The paper is _____ the bottom drawer of my desk.

- A on
- B in
- C at
- D into

Answer: B

Instructions

Pick the correct spelt word.

Question 28

- A Cannebalism
- B Cannebelism
- C Cannebilism
- D Cannibalism

Answer: B

Question 29

- A Numereology
- B Numerology
- C Numbereology
- D Numeriology

Answer: B

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 30

What does 'to put one's best foot forward' mean?

- A to give oneself up
- B to disclose a secret
- C to march in a straight line
- D to make a good first impression

Answer: D

Instructions

A sentence has been given with a blank space. Pick the suitable choice to fill the blank according to good usage of the English language.

Question 31

His mother last year:

- A Pass off
- B Passed for
- C Passed away
- D Passed on

Answer: C

Question 32

Despite the threat of war, people their business as usual:

- A Went about
- B Went round
- C Went on
- D Went after

Answer: A

Instructions

A phrase or idea is described in the question followed by four single word choices. Select the choice which best explains the idea/phrase.

Question 33

A child of unusual or remarkable talent:

- A Diligent
- B Prodigy
- C Brilliant
- D Freak

Answer: B

Question 34

Through which light cannot pass:

- A Dark
- B Opaque
- C Dim
- D Cloudy

Answer: B

Instructions

Select the word that gives the meaning of the sentence / phrase.

Question 35

A man who hates women:

- A Misogynist
- B Misogamist
- C Misanthrope
- D Cynic

Answer: A

Question 36

A soldier who will fight for any country that offers payment:

- A Materialistic
- B Honorary
- C Mercenary
- D Raider

Answer: C

Instructions

The words of proverbs and sentences are given in a jumbled manner. If the words are arranged properly, they make a readable sentence. Pick a choice which gives the correct sequence of words.

Question 37

Figure

A 21356874

B 14652873

C 14578326

D 14652783

Answer: B

Question 38

Figure

A 1342

B 2143

C 2134

D 3421

Answer: A

Instructions

In the following question choose the most appropriate option from the given options which completes the sentence.

Question 39

Living abroad had not changed him; he looked just the same before.

A like

B as

C that

D which

Answer: A

Question 40

"What is to become me?" she cried in despair

A with

B to

C at

D of

Answer: D

Question 41

Several members of the audience felt offended the speaker's remarks.

- A of
- B for
- C by
- D with

Answer: C

Question 42

If I you, I would refuse to do it.

- A am
- B had been
- C were
- D was

Answer: C

Question 43

I am going to buy that painting when he it.

- A will finish
- B had finished
- C has finished
- D will have finished

Answer: C

Question 44

If I had the money I round the globe.

- A shall travel
- B travel
- C would travel
- D can travel

Answer: C

Question 45

If you drink too much it will your judgment.

- A impede
- B impair
- C impose

D impel

Answer: A

Instructions

The indirect form of the sentence:

Question 46

Aftabh asked his wife, "Where is my book?" is:

A Aftabh asked his wife where is my book.

B Aftabh asked his wife where his book was.

C Aftabh asked his wife where his book is.

D Aftabh asked his wife where is his book.

Answer: B

Question 47

Anita said, "I went to Australia last year" is:

A Anita said that I went Australia last year.

B Anita said that she went to Australia last year.

C Anita said that she had gone to Australia a year before that year.

D Anita said that I had gone to Australia last year.

Answer: C

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 48

Three sentences have been given. You have to find out the sentence in which an adverb modifies the meaning of another adverb:

1. Govind Reads quite clearly.

2. Shikhar runs quickly.

3. This is a very sweet mango

A 1

B 2

C 3

D A & C both

Answer: A

Question 49

In the question, the sentence has been given in indirect speech. In the options four changed form of direct speech have been given out of which one is correct. Mark the correct one:

He requested her to wait there till he returned.

A He said to her, "please wait till I return"

- B He said to her "wait here till he returns"
- C He said to her "please wait there till I return"
- D He asked her "kindly wait here till I return"

Answer: C

Question 50

The following sentence has been given in direct speech. Choose the correct indirect speech from among choices:
He said, "What a dreadful thing!"

- A He exclaimed that it was a dreadful thing.
- B He said that it was a dreadful thing.
- C He said that it is a dreadful thing.
- D He exclaimed that it is a dreadful thing.

Answer: B

Question 51

Fill blank space in the following sentence with an appropriate conjunction.
Our hoard is little,..... our hearts are great.

- A And
- B But
- C Despite of
- D As well as

Answer: B

Question 52

In the question, the sentence has been given in Direct speech. In the options four changed form of reported speech have been given out of which one is correct. Mark the correct one:

The teacher said, "India became free in 1947."

- A The teacher said that India had become free in 1947.
- B The teacher said that India became free in 1947.
- C The teacher said that India was freed in 1947.
- D The teacher said that India has become free in 1947.

Answer: B

Instructions

In the question a word is given in capital letters followed by four words. Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word given in capital letters.

Question 53

POLEMIC:

- A Friendship

- B Agreement
- C Amity
- D Co-operation

Answer: D

Question 54

FECUND:

- A Hard
- B Unploughed
- C Solid
- D Barren

Answer: D

Instructions

The analogies question present two words or phrases that are related in some way. Determine which A. through D. answer choice below has a relationship most similar to that of the original words or phrases.

Question 55

Yawn : Boredom

- A Dream : sleep
- B Anger : madness
- C Smile : amusement
- D Face : expression

Answer: C

Question 56

Armoury : Weapons

- A Penitentiary : guards
- B Warehouse : merchandise
- C Courthouse : laws
- D Bank : mortgages

Answer: B

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 57

Certain collective nouns, though singular in form are always used as plurals. Three of the following choices are such collective nouns while one is not. Find the one which is not?

- A Cattle

- B Vermin
- C Trout
- D Gentr

Answer: C

Instructions

The sentence have been given in active/ passive voice. From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in passive/active voice and mark your answer in the answer sheet.

Question 58

This shirt can not be worn by me any longer:

- A I can not wear this shirt any longer
- B Wearing of this shirt any longer can not be by me
- C This shirt is too worn out to be worn any longer
- D This worn out shirt can not be worn any longer

Answer: A

Question 59

A lion does not eat grass, however, hungry he may be:

- A Grass is not eaten by a lion, however hungry he may be
- B Grass is not being eaten by a lion, however hungry he may be
- C Grass is eaten not by a lion, however hungry he may be
- D Grass is being not eaten by a lion despite being hungry

Answer: A

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 60

Some adverbs are the same in the form as the corresponding adjectives: that is, some words are used sometimes as adjectives, sometimes as adverbs. Find the odd one out on the basis of the foregoing statement:

- A He is quick to take offence.
- B He is little known outside India.
- C The teacher has a high opinion of that boy.
- D There is much truth in what he says.

Answer: B