

Grammar (All Topics)**Practice Exercise**

Direction (1 - 10): The sentence against each of these questions has a portion or the whole underlined. Each sentence is followed by four alternative versions of the underlined portion. Select the alternative best suited according to standard written English, without altering the original meaning. Alternative (a) is the same as the original version.

1. **To create a new game means expending lot of sweat, and calls for all the members of the development team to play its role with aplomb throughout the long-drawn-out procedure before the game sees the light of the day.**
(a) for all the members of the development team to play its role with aplomb throughout
(b) for all the members in the development team to play their role with aplomb throughout
(c) for all the members of the development team to play their roles with aplomb throughout
(d) all the members of the development team to play their roles with aplomb throughout
(e) None of these
2. **The state has at least twenty colleges of whom only six are officially recognised.**
(a) of whom only six are officially recognised.
(b) of whom only six have been officially recognised.
(c) of which only six have official recognition.
(d) of which only six are officially recognised.
(e) None of these
3. **As the author outlines in the prologue, there have been study that focused on the pre-liberalization years, as also the initial years of the satellite television age.**
(a) there have been studies that focused on the pre-liberalisation years
(b) it have been studied that focused on the pre-liberalisation years
(c) there has been studies that focused on the pre-liberalisation years
(d) it has been studied that focused on the pre-liberalisation years
(e) None of these
4. **Using it wisely, leisure promotes health, efficiency and happiness.**
(a) If used wisely
(b) Having used it wisely
(c) Because of usefulness
(d) Because if is used wisely
(e) None of these
5. **Unless they reverse present policies immediately, the world may suffer permanent damage from the unregulated use of pesticides.**
(a) Unless present policies are reversed
(b) Unless present policies will be reversed
(c) If it will not reverse present policies
(d) If present policies will not be reversed
(e) None of these
6. **Eaten in Portugal only, the Indians viewed the potato with suspicion for they assumed it had poisonous properties since only the white-skinned people consumed it.**
(a) Indians viewed the potato with suspicion for they
(b) Indians were suspicious of the potato and they
(c) Potato was viewed with suspicion by Indians who
(d) Potato was suspicious to Indians and it was
(e) None of these
7. **Though he was more faster than his opponent on the field, his chances of winning the race were low as he lacked the killer instinct.**
(a) Though he was more faster than his opponent on the field
(b) As he was more faster than his opponent on the field
(c) Though he was more fast from his opponent on the field
(d) Though he was faster than his opponent on the field
(e) None of these
8. **The local library has recommended that the books put up for the used book sale and should be in good condition and should have no writing in them or be underlined.**
(a) and should have no writing in them or be underlined.

- (b) and should not have writing in them or not be underlined.
 (c) and contain no writing or underlining.
 (d) without containing writing or underlining.
 (e) None of these

9. Their intelligence, which has made them the masters of the world, often cause them to act like imbeciles.

- (a) often cause them to act like imbeciles.
 (b) often causes them to act like imbeciles.
 (c) frequently cause them to act like imbeciles.
 (d) seldom cause them to act like imbeciles.
 (e) None of these

10. The Vice President of the local bank spoke for a half an hour and told his colleague that he, his colleague, must consider finding a new job, or accept a reduction in salary.

- (a) for a half hour and told his colleague that he must consider to find a new job
 (b) for half an hour and told his colleague that the colleague must get employed by a new bank
 (c) for half an hour and told his colleague to consider finding a new job
 (d) for half hour and told his colleague to consider to finding a new job
 (e) None of these

Direction (11 - 20): A sentence is given in each question. Find the part of the sentence that has an error.

11. A: I could not put up
 B: in a hotel
 C: as the charges
 D: were exorbitant.

- (a) A (b) B
 (c) C (d) D
 (e) None of these

12. A: If I had known
 B: this yesterday
 C: I will have
 D: helped him.

- (a) A (b) B
 (c) C (d) D
 (e) None of these

13. A: The students
 B: were awaiting
 C: for the arrival of
 D: the chief guest.

- (a) A (b) B
 (c) C (d) D
 (e) None of these

14. A: They have been
 B: very close friends
 C: until
 D: they quarrelled.

- (a) A (b) B
 (c) C (d) D
 (e) None of these

15. A: When the dentist came in
 B: my tooth was stopped aching
 C: out of fear that
 D: I might lose my tooth.

- (a) A (b) B
 (c) C (d) D
 (e) None of these

16. A: No sooner did I open the door
 B: when the rain, heavy and stormy
 C: rushed in
 D: making us shiver from head to foot.

- (a) A (b) B
 (c) C (d) D
 (e) None of these

17. A: I shall certainly
 B: inform you
 C: when ID: shall reach New Delhi.

- (a) A (b) B
 (c) C (d) D
 (e) None of these

18. A: He will certainly
 B: help you
 C: if you will ask him
 D: in a pleasant manner.

- (a) A (b) B
 (c) C (d) D
 (e) None of these

19. A: Will you please buy
 B: some jaggery for me
 C: if you go
 D: to the market?

- (a) A (b) B
 (c) C (d) D

(e) None of these

- 20.** A: May I
B: know who
C: you want
D: to see, please?

(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D
(e) None of these

Direction (21 - 30): In each of these questions, one sentence is split and written in four portions. Each sentence is complete, but contains an error. Choose the portion of the sentence with the error.

- 21.** (a) A very miserly
(b) farmer live
(c) with his 'wife
(d) in the Jamaican islands.
(e) None of these

- 22.** (a) Mrs. Singh was
(b) emphasising
(c) on the importance
(d) of coming for class.
(e) None of these

- 23.** (a) The children (b) in front
(c) has no (d) shoes on.
(e) None of these

- 24.** (a) They assured us
(b) that they would do
(c) their best to find out
(d) the cause for the delay.
(e) None of these

- 25.** (a) The number of people
(b) who own personal computer
(c) are increasing
(d) every year.
(e) None of these

- 26.** (a) Mahatma Gandhi
(b) and Sarojini Naidu
(c) is contemporaries
(d) of each other.
(e) None of these

- 27.** (a) My father (b) often advise
(c) me how to (d) run my life.
(e) None of these

- 28.** (a) 'Tire' is one of those films

(b) which have caused
(c) the recent
(d) controversy
(e) None of these

- 29.** (a) I (b) enjoyed that
(c) movie (d) very much.
(e) None of these

- 30.** (a) The girls
(b) which
(c) won were honoured
(d) by their friends.
(e) None of these

Direction (31 - 35): Identify the words underlined in the following sentences and say whether they are Common, Proper, Collective or Abstract Nouns.

- 31. Our class consists of twenty pupils.**
(a) Common (b) Proper
(c) Collective (d) Abstract
(e) None of these

- 32. The crowd was very big.**
(a) Common (b) Proper
(c) Collective (d) Abstract
(e) None of these

- 33. The elephant has great strength.**
(a) Common (b) Proper
(c) Collective (d) Abstract
(e) None of these

- 34. We all love honesty.**
(a) Common (b) Proper
(c) Collective (d) Abstract
(e) None of these

- 35. Always speak the truth.**
(a) Common (b) Proper
(c) Collective (d) Abstract
(e) None of these

Direction (36 - 40): A word has been underlined in each of the following sentences. Identify the part of speech for the underlined word.

- 36. This is a matter between you and me.**
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Preposition
(e) None of these

- 37. You and I are invited to tea this morning.**
(a) Noun. (b) Pronoun

- (c) Adverb (d) Verb
(e) None of these

38. Solomon was famous for his wisdom.

- (a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Adverb (d) Adjective
(e) None of these

39. Never tell a lie.

- (a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Adverb (d) Adjective
(e) None of these

40. The class is studying grammar.

- (a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adverb
(e) None of these

Direction (41 - 45): Identify the kind of pronoun for the words underlined in the following sentences.

41. We often deceive ourselves.

- (a) Reflexive (b) Emphatic
(c) Relative (d) Distributive
(e) None of these

42. I myself heard the remark.

- (a) Personal (b) Demonstrative
(c) Reflexive (d) Emphatic
(e) None of these

43. You express yourself very imperfectly,

- (a) Demonstrative (b) Reflexive
(c) Personal (d) distributive
(e) None of these

44. Some people are always talking about themselves.

- (a) Reflexive (b) Indefinite
(c) Emphatic (d) Distributive
(e) None of these

45. Xerxes himself was the last to cross the Hellespont.

- (a) Indefinite (b) Reflexive
(c) Emphatic (d) Demonstrative
(e) None of these

Direction (46 - 50): Fill in the blanks.

46. You really _____ be late again.

- (a) must
(b) do not
(c) must not
(d) must not have to be

- (e) None of these

47. If you do not start working harder, you _____ repeat the course next year.

- (a) will be (b) will have to
(c) have to be (d) has to be
(e) None of these

48. He said I _____ use his telephone at any time.

- (a) must (b) can
(c) would (d) will
(e) None of these

49. There are plenty of potatoes in the fridge. You _____ buy any.

- (a) must not (b) cannot
(c) would not (d) need not
(e) None of these

50. You _____ not leave small objects lying around.

- (a) must (b) can
(c) would (d) shall
(e) None of these

Direction (51 - 55): In each of the following sentences supply a verb in agreement with its subject.

51. The famous juggler and conjurer _____ too unwell to perform,

52. Each of the suspected men _____ arrested.

53. The ebb and flow of the tides _____ explained by Newton.

54. Ninety rupees _____ too much for this bag.

55. The cow as well as the horse _____ grass.

Direction (56 - 60): Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

56. His views do not accord _____ mine.

57. He was born _____ humble parents in Nasik.

58. The head-dress of the Cossacks is similar _____ that of the ancient Persians.

59. He is very different _____ his brother.

60. The avaricious man is greedy _____ gain.

Direction (61 - 65): There are two types of sentences given below in Direct and Indirect Speech. Change the direct to indirect speech and Indirect to direct speech.

61. He said, "My god! I am ruined."

62. "How smart you are!" She said.

63. I wrote that I would visit him next day.

64. "Sit down, boys", said the teacher.

65. He asked Rama to go with him.

Answer

1. (C)	2. (D)	3. (A)	4. (A)	5. (A)
6. (C)	7. (D)	8. (C)	9. (B)	10. (C)
11. (B)	12. (C)	13. (B)	14. (A)	15. (B)
16. (B)	17. (D)	18. (C)	19. (E)	20. (B)
21. (B)	22. (D)	23. (C)	24. (D)	25. (B)
26. (C)	27. (B)	28. (B)	29. (E)	30. (B)
31. (A)	32. (C)	33. (E)	34. (D)	35. (D)
36. (D)	37. (A)	38. (A)	39. (C)	40. (A)
41. (A)	42. (D)	43. (C)	44. (A)	45. (C)
46. (C)	47. (B)	48. (B)	49. (D)	50. (A)