



Exercise 1

Directions: Choose the correct option.

- George Bernard Shaw said that the contemporary social values could be flippant and _____ at some times.
(a) important (b) profound
(c) inane (d) riveting
(e) absurd
- _____ the general had been told by the field staff that continuing warfare would be _____ to his soldiers, he insisted on deploying more battle tanks.
(a) Although...detrimental
(b) Because...instrumental
(c) Although...formidable
(d) Because...immediate
(e) Because...incremental
- The Senate warned the Prime Minister that if he did not accept their advice, the differences between the Legislative and the Executive arms of the Government would be _____.
(a) eliminated (b) eroded
(c) exacerbated (d) exemplified
(e) exasperated
- Most journalistic writing could do with _____ of paragraphs to make the prose more _____.
(a) suppression...legible
(b) removal...argumentative
(c) simplification...abstruse
(d) deletion...succinct
(e) exemplification...incoherent
- Varun was accused of murdering his wife, and though he was never _____, he never recovered from the shame and the scandal.
(a) charged (b) booked
(c) indicted (d) acquitted
(e) applauded
- The earthquake warnings and the fragility of our houses make us certain that disaster is _____.
(a) available (b) imminent
(c) forthcoming (d) catastrophic
- The television serials are characterized by an _____ story line and _____ plots and sub-plots.
(a) unending...convoluted
(b) infantile...simple
(c) uniform...emotional
(d) extempore...routine
(e) erratic...forthcoming
- The _____ transformation of the former Soviet Union or Russia as it was popularly known, remains one of the biggest stories of the decade.
(a) smooth (b) singular
(c) tumultuous (d) prophetic
(e) traumatic
- If mankind has to survive for long, it must _____ and deliberately renounce the fruits of _____ and whirling technology.
(a) wilfully...wild (b) honestly...responsible
(c) sincerely...labor (d) effectively...sliding
(e) knowingly...impending
- Although similar to moths in many ways, butterflies may be _____ moths by the beauty of their wings.
(a) akin to (b) in comparison with
(c) listed as (d) distinguished from
(e) equal to the
- Renu saw no _____ in the exercises that had been set for her and worked at them in a _____ manner.

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- (a) reason...organised (b) point...desultory
(c) strength...careless (d) meaning...dutiful
(e) sense...painful
12. Mother Teresa was _____ about her achievements and unwilling to _____ them before anyone.
(a) modest...discuss (b) proud...promote
(c) unsure...reveal (d) ignorant...eulogise
(e) immodest...play
13. Martin Luther strived for justice and fought against attempts to _____ ignorant peasants in the medieval ages.
(a) influence (b) change
(c) exploit (d) corrupt
(e) discharge
14. The instruction manual that came with the computer is no masterpiece of _____ prose because its instructions are so _____ that we still do not know how to set up the computer.
(a) clear...garbled
(b) valuable...intelligent
(c) worthless...clear
(d) confused...varied
(e) worth ... muffled
15. The strike will not end because both the management and the workers are _____.
(a) insipid (b) intransigent
(c) intricate (d) inexplicable
(e) saddened
16. Book lovers who think of *Gone With The Wind* as a Southern romance miss its underlying _____ import.
(a) democratic (b) novelistic
(c) thematic (d) exceptional
(e) argumentative
17. The professors at Lucknow University have a permanent _____ on their positions and do not have to look for more secure _____.
(a) fixture...jobs (b) tenure...employment
(c) security...means (d) right...employees
(e) eye ... seats
18. It is very difficult to overcome the _____ of habits such as smoking and taking drugs.
(a) stupidity (b) tenacity
(c) insecurity (d) insistence
(e) ravages
19. The _____ and _____ happenings in many talk shows annoy many viewers.
(a) aggravating...irritating
(b) trite...predictable
(c) happy...playful
(d) dramatic...eventful
(e) ranting ... jocular
20. Slander and libel laws stand as a protection of a person's reputation against the _____ dissemination of falsehood.
(a) inferential (b) inevitable
(c) incontestable (d) irresponsible
(e) semblance
21. Most of the settlements that grew up near the logging camps were _____ affairs, thrown together in a hurry because people needed to live on the job.
(a) nomadic (b) protracted
(c) unobtrusive (d) rickety
(e) uncouth
22. Pipes are not a safer _____ to cigarettes because, though pipe smokers do not inhale, they are still _____ higher rates of lung and mouth cancers than nonsmokers.
(a) preference...free from
(b) answer...responsible for
(c) alternative...subject to
(d) rejoinder...involved in
(e) offer...involved with
23. Author Anjali Agarwal was a rare phenomenon, a single woman who maintained and even _____ a respectable reputation while earning a living by her pen.
(a) impaired (b) decimated
(c) avoided (d) enhanced
(e) evacuated
24. Because Sherry is so _____, we can never predict what he will do at any moment.
(a) old (b) immature
(c) capricious (d) lazy
(e) dormant

25. Paper money is merely a representation of wealth; therefore unlike gold or any other precious metal, it has no _____ value.
 (a) financial (b) fiscal
 (c) inveterate (d) intrinsically
 (e) intrinsic
26. The law cannot and should not pardon such _____ act of violence.
 (a) a flagrant (b) a lavish
 (c) a cautious (d) a dull.
 (e) condemn
27. As many students know, a/(an) _____ response, if skillfully worded, can imply at least a superficial _____ of knowledge about the subject.
 (a) ambiguous...veneer (b) garbled...ignorance
 (c) inarticulate...piece (d) elegant...lack
 (e) wrong...lack
28. There are too many _____ and not enough serious students.
 (a) dilettantes (b) hunky dory
 (c) lay-men (d) novices
 (e) nascent
29. Her parents were _____ when, despite losing the first three games, Sandy _____ to win the set by a 6–3 score.
 (a) surprised...failed (b) relieved...came back
 (c) puzzled...refused (d) alarmed...attempted
 (e) shocked...failed
30. The reviews of Deepak Chopra's latest literary work were enjoyed by many of his readers, but the subjects of his analysis dreaded Mr. Chopra's comments; he was scathing, bitter, irritating and never _____.
 (a) logical (b) constructive
 (c) uncharitable (d) controversial
 (e) acidic
31. In poor and under developed countries, trucks are the only means of getting about town, the public transportation being virtually _____.
 (a) indecipherable (b) ubiquitous
 (c) inadequate (d) nonexistent
 (e) negligent
32. Given the _____ state of published evidence, we cannot conclude here that exposure to low-level microwave energy is either hazardous or safe.
 (a) inconclusive (b) indulging
 (c) descriptive (d) immaculate
 (e) descriptive
33. The clothes Nafees, the famous designer, designs for men are conservative, but her fashions for women are more _____.
 (a) subtle (b) flamboyant
 (c) tasteful (d) expensive
 (e) open
34. The equipments that were being used in the survey were _____, and because of the below-zero temperature, it was feared they would freeze and _____.
 (a) icy...capsize (b) frosty...slide
 (c) fragile...shatter (d) frozen...dehydrate
 (e) useless...capsize
35. Because of its tendency to _____, most Indian art is _____ Japanese art, where symbols have been minimized and meaning has been conveyed by using the method of the merest suggestion.
 (a) imitate...superior to
 (b) understate...reminiscent of
 (c) overdraw...similar to
 (d) sentimentalise...supportive of
 (e) synergise ... half
36. Irony can sometimes become a mode of escape: to laugh at the terrors of life is, in a way, to _____ them.
 (a) bolster (b) approve
 (c) evade (d) foster
 (e) avail
37. The negotiations for the deal were often surprisingly _____, deteriorating at times into a volley of accusations and counter-accusations.
 (a) insouciant (b) sedate
 (c) acrimonious (d) propitious
 (e) adequate
38. A _____ student is unlikely to gain admission to a top level institution.
 (a) mediocre (b) putative
 (c) mendacious (d) vicarious
 (e) commerce
39. Either Japanese dishes are _____, or the one I had was a poor example.
 (a) delicious (b) overrated

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- (c) underestimated (d) unpopular
(e) horrible
40. A person who is _____ is slow to adapt to a new way of life.
(a) intractable (b) furious
(c) insolent (d) valiant
(e) constructive
41. Amit, who refrained from excesses in his personal life, differed markedly from Nirmal, who _____ notorious drinking bouts with his buddies.
(a) minimised (b) indulged in
(c) shunned (d) compensated for
(e) specialised
42. The library incharge proposed a new schedule of fines for overdue books with the _____, if not the outright encouragement, of the faculty library committee.
(a) cynosure (b) acquiescence
(c) scorn (d) applause
(e) management
43. Maya's remarks were so _____ that Arun could not decide which possible meaning was correct.
(a) congruent (b) impalpable
(c) ambiguous (d) facetious
(e) incorrigible
44. By nature, Rahul was _____, given to striking up casual conversations with strangers he encountered at bus stops or check-out stands.
(a) gregarious (b) reticent
(c) casual (d) diffident
(e) indulgent
45. In the absence of native predators, to stop the spread of their population, the imported goats _____ to such an inordinate degree that they over grazed the country side and _____ the native vegetation.
(a) propagated...cultivated
(b) suffered...abandoned
(c) thrived...threatened
(d) dwindled...eliminated
(e) outnumbered ... cultivated
46. Jayashree was habitually so docile and _____ that her friends could not understand her sudden _____ her employers.
(a) accommodating...outburst against
(b) erratic...envy of
(c) truculent...virulence toward
(d) hasty...annoyance toward
(e) apologetic...hostile
47. That Amitabh's newest film is No. 1 at the box office this week is a testament to the star's _____ power and not the reviews, which were _____ at best.
(a) increasing...matchless
(b) ongoing...glowing
(c) drawing...modest
(d) waning...indifferent
(e) super...dismal
48. The _____ background music hinted of the dangers threatening the movie's protagonist.
(a) loud (b) sardonic
(c) ebullient (d) portentous
(e) icy
49. In order to ensure that she passed the exam, Asha _____ outlined every chapter of her course book, painstakingly noting the most obscure points.
(a) carefully (b) playfully
(c) jokingly (d) superficially
(e) cursory
50. Mr. Purty hastily _____ all the warnings of his friends. And now, he finds it difficult to complete the task within its time and budget _____.
(a) accepted...amounts
(b) ignored...amounts
(c) listened to...problems
(d) disregarded...constraints
(e) acknowledged...schedule
51. Lacking confidence in his skills in English, Pervez was _____ when called on to speak in class.
(a) horrified (b) reticent
(c) impolite (d) sartorial
(e) shocked
52. The castle has been _____, we cannot even be sure exactly where it stood.
(a) obliterated (b) burned down
(c) ruined (d) debilitated
(e) spoilt

53. Being a bit hesitant about _____ the man as the complete fraud he suspected him to be, Bill chose to attack the weaker points of his theory, _____ them one by one.
- denouncing...debunking
 - ridiculing...proving
 - castigating...strengthening
 - mocking...destroying
 - mistrusting ... telling
54. The analysis of the coach's report was anything but _____, but those of us who have learned to discount such dismal _____ are optimistic.
- pessimistic...confusion
 - sanguinary...traps
 - malicious...benefits
 - pleasant...prognostications
 - sugary...performances
55. Angered by the bureaucrat's _____ comments; the reporter insisted for a more _____ response.
- redundant...repetitive
 - tactless...immediate
 - phlegmatic...lackadaisical
 - circumlocutious...direct
 - jarcastic ... beneficial
56. Raman's _____ record collection included everything from Bach to rock.
- effusive
 - rhapsodic
 - eclectic
 - inherent
 - refulgent
57. My grandparents were such _____ followers of the soap opera that they taped every episode.
- avid
 - skillful
 - flagrant
 - retentive
 - hopeless
58. _____ the finer points of etiquette in high society, Devesh simply watched his host and followed his actions.
- Arguing for
 - Unaware
 - Ignorant of
 - Saddened by
 - looking at
59. This book of Covey creates a mood of _____, a (n) _____ of tranquility and calm.
- sombreness...atmosphere
 - serenity...ambience
 - melancholy...oasis
 - formality...feeling
 - tranquility ... sea
60. Although they seem amateurish, primitive art has become more sophisticated as its creator becomes increasingly _____.
- infamous
 - aged
 - jaded
 - impotent
 - ignorant
61. Though a _____ of four campaigns, Bush had never seen such demonstrations.
- watchman
 - veteran
 - volunteer
 - witness
 - follower
62. Carried away by the _____ effects of the experimental medication, the patient _____ his desire to continue as a subject for as long as he could.
- supplementary...announced
 - noxious...proclaimed
 - frantic...repeated
 - salutary...reiterated
 - painful...undermined
63. Confused and _____, Hogwart fumbled to make sense of seemingly inconsistent statements, _____ the impatience of his listeners.
- prostrate...listening to
 - muddled...aware of
 - philosophical...overlooking
 - incoherent...oblivious to
 - agitated...following
64. One of the most productive research _____ in contemporary neuroscience is devoted to _____ maps of human consciousness.
- trajectories; reconnoitering
 - designs; enunciating
 - paradigms; elucidating
 - declensions; obfuscating
 - terminologies ... newal
65. Today computers can _____ information from a number of sources, then automatically create a picture of their data manipulations.
- collate
 - inculcate
 - extrapolate
 - adjudicate
 - execute

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66. Just as a highway automobile accident leaves lasting marks of spilled coolant, _____ and oil, the smashing together of gigantic land masses releases and redirects fluids that flow, heat, _____ and deposit, leaving an enduring record of their presence.
(a) petrol...disappear (b) fuel...evaporate
(c) paint...mark (d) anti-freeze...drip
(e) gases...electric
67. Although publicity has been _____ the film itself is intelligent, well-acted, handsomely produced and altogether _____.
(a) tasteless...respectable
(b) extensive...moderate
(c) sophisticated...amateur
(d) perfect...spectacular
(e) useless...entraneous
68. Ironically, his normally _____ speaker became shy and _____ when confronted with the approbatory stares of her eager audience.
(a) quiet...passionate
(b) garrulous...reticent
(c) dispassionate...passionate
(d) humble...supercilious
(e) soft...remorseful
69. Although the whole team acted in unison, each member was _____ for a(n) _____ of the production process.
(a) reliable...source (b) responsible...element
(c) appointed...article (d) agreeable...felony
(e) agreeable...amount
70. The studies of the children were _____ and _____ was the result of it.
(a) neglected...ignorance
(b) interrupted...incongruence
(c) off tracked...alienation
(d) instructed...genius
(e) ignored...negligence
71. The US has shown little to go after the terrorist or help India get him.
(a) inclination (b) urgency
(c) importance (d) alacrity
(e) endeavour
72. Most young children are highly conformist and will _____ a classmate whose appearance or manners are _____.
(a) ostracise ... conventional
(b) emulate...different
(c) shun...unusual
(d) deride...ordinary
(e) choose ... deriding
73. The royal astrologers had to determine the most _____ date for the coronation ceremony.
(a) propitious (b) sacred
(c) approximate (d) resplendent
(e) expected
74. A satirical poem is often venom-filled, _____ with scorn.
(a) contained (b) filled up
(c) dripping (d) sardonic
(e) acidic
75. The _____ rites of the Black Magic cult were kept secret by the members and were never _____ to outsiders.
(a) eclectic...delegated
(b) esoteric...divulged
(c) inscrutable...introduced
(d) elusive... prescribed
(e) exclusive...delegated
76. Mr. Sharma, the critic was _____ enough to praise an author he detested.
(a) magnanimous (b) loquacious
(c) parsimonious (d) surreptitious
(e) verbose
77. The goodwill of its clients is a genuine _____ asset for any business.
(a) redolent (b) dismissive
(c) intangible (d) vigilant
(e) indolent
78. Though the law's _____ purpose is to curtail false advertising, its actual result is to _____ free speech.
(a) erroneous...eschew
(b) ostensible...characterise
(c) illicit...reconcile
(d) recalcitrant...repress
(e) elusive...contain
79. _____ by her children, Radha Devi ultimately agreed to sell the house.
(a) Decimated (b) Importuned

- (c) Interpolated (d) Designated
(e) apportioned
80. There was a _____ all about the palace, and the _____ concerned the security guards.
(a) gift...distribution (b) silence...quiet
(c) tranquil...temper (d) feast...circulation
(e) commotion...quiet
81. Guillian Benetton _____ a small neighborhood business into a worldwide chain of stores.
(a) renovated (b) infused
(c) parlayed (d) blessed
(e) decimated
82. The football team was once _____ by injuries; of 11 members, only 5 were fit to play.
(a) decimated (b) isolated
(c) boycotted (d) heckled
(e) ambushed
83. Displeased with the _____ of the novel, the writer abandoned the idea of a film to be made on his writings.
(a) adaptation (c) transfer
(d) transfusion (b) resurgence
(e) imagination
84. Because of his indecisive nature, Mr Bhushan has a reputation for _____.
(a) impartiality (b) tenacity
(c) prevarication (d) vacillation
(e) wandering
85. The conspirators met _____ in order to plot a(n) _____ against the oppressive governance of Julius Ceaser.
(a) clandestinely...revolt
(b) wickedly...invocation
(c) craftily...referendum
(d) wittily...ban
(e) aggressively...crime
86. Vinay is much too _____ in his writings: he writes a paragraph when a sentence should suffice.
(a) benevolent (b) skilled
(c) verbose (d) lucid
(e) crafted
87. With one _____ motion, Rakesh disarmed his assailant.
(a) swift (b) ponderous
- (c) superficial (d) boisterous
(e) levitational
88. The patient put up with the pain _____, neither wincing, nor whimpering when the surgeon made an incision to drain the pus of his abscess.
(a) surprisingly (b) miserably
(c) logically (d) stoically
(e) enduringly
89. In relation to the interrelationships among a number of the Indo-Pakistani stalwarts treated in this compilation there is surely a certain amount of _____ in some of the essays presented here.
(a) overlap (b) indulgence
(c) exaggeration (d) subjectivity
(e) complacency
90. Being an advocate of consumer rights, Sharad has spent much of his career trying to _____ the fraudulent claims of the businessmen of his hometown Patna.
(a) reprove (b) debunk
(c) immortalise (d) import
(e) improve
91. The report was _____ since the information on which it was based was erroneous, but it was brilliantly presented.
(a) intelligent (b) wonderful
(c) worthless (d) verbose
(e) elegant
92. Pretending not to notice the toys in the shop, Aryan the small boy, acted in a _____ manner.
(a) doleful (b) nonchalant
(c) convincing (d) ordinary
(e) indulgent
93. As several shops have _____ across the street, the old directory is _____.
(a) relocated...obsolete
(b) reversed...enticing
(c) transferred...dismantled
(d) vanished...beautiful
(e) transferred...upto date
94. The _____ room in this apartment has not been used for a long time.
(a) derelict (b) contractual
(c) bereaved (d) crowded
(e) interpolated

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95. Salman the superstar, felt that certain incidents in his life were too _____ to be divulged.
(a) intriguing (b) derivative
(c) private (d) rudimentary
(e) incremental
96. Distressed at an increasing _____ for books, Amrita, the famous novelist has turned to painting.
(a) disregard (b) imagination
(c) panacea (d) prominence
(e) derelict
97. The bank is negotiating with Group 4 security to devise a system to provide _____ security to account holders.
(a) accurate (b) prompt
(c) reliable (d) tough
(e) proactive
98. As the rate of life expectancy has increased due to tremendous progress in medical science, the over-population problem has _____.
(a) aggravated (b) minimised
(c) distorted (d) encouraged
(e) unfazed
99. The story of the novel, *The Deranged*, is very _____. It shows how a man cut off from the world for a long time becomes a mad man.
(a) absorbing (b) irritating
(c) controversial (d) useless
(e) derived
100. Although Agatha is arguably as good a mystery writer as Grundy, she is clearly far less _____ than Grundy, having written only six books in comparison to Grundy's sixty.
(a) prolific (b) equivocal
(c) verbose (d) gripping
(e) astronomical
101. Being cynical, Ashish was reluctant to _____ the _____ of any kind act until he had ruled out all possible secret, uncharitable motives.
(a) acknowledge...wisdom
(b) accept...unselfishness
(c) endure...loss
(d) witness...outcome
(e) uncover outcome
102. A golden rule which should always be followed by an investor is that: never invest on sentiment or on a tip; look for stocks with promising _____ potential for growth.
(a) fast (b) long-term
(c) higher (d) quick
(e) string
103. At the world's finest educational institutes, only students with the _____ to succeed are selected.
(a) luck (b) drive
(c) resources (d) experience
(e) reliable
104. Jamshedji Tata, the founder of the Tata Group in India, knew that only dedication and _____ could ensure that the customer gets the very best.
(a) commitment (b) money
(c) perception (d) supervision
(e) perception
105. Parveen fascinated the world with her beauty and her charm, and her life mixed public spectacle with private anguish; her tragic death _____ a flood of grief on every continent.
(a) brought (b) prompted
(c) called (d) managed
(e) revoked
106. As Shyam _____ retirement, he became more intelligent and active.
(a) awarded (b) withdrew
(c) derived (d) neared
(e) recollected
107. As a steadfast _____ of our right to liberty time, Mishra had few _____.
(a) defender...equals (b) opponent...enemies
(c) follower...enemies (d) advocate...defenders
(e) leader...unequals
108. A careful _____ of the premises revealed some useful clues.
(a) autopsy (b) incarceration
(c) examination (d) incineration
(e) emphases
109. Almost everyone was _____ by the cheerful, lively sound of the dance music.
(a) revived (b) tired

- (c) fired (d) bored
(e) withdrawn
110. The _____ of the air crash could have been avoided if more safety _____ had been taken.
(a) sad event ..preservers
(b) disaster...reservations
(c) scientist...measures
(d) tragedy...precautions
(e) aftermath...steps
111. They were disappointed to see the armed guards. It _____ them from doing anything disruptive.
(a) inspired (b) prevented
(c) encouraged (d) irritated
(e) encouraged
112. The _____ politician thought that all bureaucrats should be polite to him.
(a) insolent (b) merciless
(c) civilised (d) docile
(e) amateur
113. The newspaper accused the politician of _____ for making promises he knew he could not _____.
(a) revulsion...condone
(b) liability...improve
(c) impunity...reprise
(d) hypocrisy...fulfill
(e) forgery...overcome
114. Paula was _____ as a child, accepting without a question, everything she was told.
(a) reticent (b) taciturn
(c) recalcitrant (d) credulous
(e) impatient
115. Cautioned by an anonymous phone call that an explosion was _____, the anti bomb police squad _____ the building immediately.
(a) expected...filled
(b) ubiquitous...purged
(c) imminent ... evacuated
(d) eminent..checked
(e) eminent...entered
116. The route between the two cities has always been known to wind its _____ way through steep mountain passes and coarse terrain.
(a) easy (b) smooth
(c) elusive (d) tortuous
(e) trajectory
117. As there were not enough seats to _____ so many people at the venue of the address, they had to put up a big tent outside.
(a) entertain (b) ascertain
(c) welcome (d) accommodate
118. This _____ old stone farmhouse has been a landmark since before the Independence.
(a) fragile (b) sturdy
(c) ramshackle (d) flimsy
(e) rickety
119. The Chief Minister was _____ in his commitment to _____ the rise of crime and unemployment among his constituents.
(a) uncertain...staunch (b) headstrong...stem
(c) faltering...identity (d) firm...uphold
(e) sturdy...counter
120. Sahil's clear _____ of the situation kept the meeting from breaking up into _____.
(a) idea...humor
(b) notion...anarchy
(c) understanding...chaos
(d) wit...tumult
(e) report ... tumult
121. In the past, the coach had always viewed Kapil's ideas with _____, but today he surprised the team by enthusiastically _____ his proposal.
(a) disdain ... rejecting
(b) empathy ... considering
(c) objectivity ... forgetting
(d) skepticism ... adopting
(e) temerity ... dissuading
122. The embarrassed host felt that the uninvited guest's rude comments and offensive jokes were _____.
(a) steadfast (b) reactionary
(c) intolerable (d) partisan
(e) alarming
123. The celebrated trainer's _____ for helping his trainees to learn and achieve their goals was highly _____.
(a) propensity ... commendable
(b) distinction ... enigmatic
(c) predilection ... reprehensible
(d) derision ... admissible
(e) decisiveness ... desired

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124. A few decades ago, _____ about gender roles made it somewhat difficult for a woman to study veterinary science, but today, female veterinarians are quite _____.
- (a) diatribes ... affluent
(b) preconceptions ... prevalent
(c) Mindsets ... poor
(d) lectures ... negligent
(e) analysis ... prominent
125. Greg Chappell was impressed by the _____ of the youthful Railways team.
- (a) ardor (b) corpulence
(c) languor (d) impertinence
(e) turbulence
126. In the plots of most Bollywood movies, there is/are a character/s with _____ intentions, whose primary role is to try to _____ the handsome hero in his noble mission.
- (a) furtive ... abet (b) malevolent ... thwart
(c) unsavory ... depict (d) inappropriate ... derail
(e) benevolent ... obstruct
127. After a natural spring was discovered in the arid region, the family's old, abandoned farm was quickly _____ into a profitable private business, centered around a state-of-the-art well that _____ valuable water.
- (a) turned ... expiates
(b) configured ... manipulates
(c) transformed ... emanates
(d) expropriated ... eradicates
(e) transpired ... exhaled
128. The young boy's _____ attempts to explain to his girlfriend why he had failed to show for their movie date did little to ease her _____ feelings.
- (a) impassioned ... disconsolate
(b) veracious ... vacuous
(c) unbelievable ... gluttonous
(d) chronic ... vicarious
(e) immeasurable ... vacuous
129. For some politicians, charm is a mere _____ adopted to get votes and _____ criticism.
- (a) prerequisite ... distort
(b) affectation ... alleviate
(c) tool ... inflict
(d) ruse ... condone
(e) contender ... earn
130. Although the food in the hostel mess was barely _____, after six months, the residents of the hostel had become _____ to it.
- (a) edible...immune (b) edible...inured
(c) palatable... immune (d) palatable ... inured
(e) affordable ... attuned
131. During childhood and adolescence, individuals acquire habits that are _____ to good health: which include having a sedentary lifestyle, frequently eating fatty and fast foods, and developing poor sleep patterns.
- (a) dangerous (b) harmful
(c) inimical (d) unsuitable
(e) despicable
132. Divyansh's disciplined and _____ study habits resulted in his earning numerous honors and awards which also included an academic scholarship.
- (a) painstaking (b) sedulous
(c) unhealthy (d) taciturn
(e) pecuniary
133. The old miser's _____ did him little good when he died without heir or friend, and all his precious money was _____ to the state.
- (a) frugality ... escheated
(b) miserliness ... ordained
(c) exemplariness ... given
(d) frugality ... ordained
(e) indulgence ... willed
134. To most modern day readers, the language in Shakespeare's plays seems obscure and inaccessible, lacking the _____ of modern day authors.
- (a) elegance (b) impertinence
(c) perspicuity (d) perceptibility
(e) diligence
135. Unlike the other photojournalists, Rochelle despised the _____ nature of the newspaper business because she craved _____.
- (a) permutable .. habitude
(b) flexible...chaos
(c) permutable...chaos
(d) flexible...stable
(e) heinous ... posterity

Exercise 3

CLOSE TESTS

Test 1

I shall here take leave to1.....a brief argument much2.....at a few years ago when it was still3.....to consider Hegel a greater philosopher than Plato. Abbreviating it, I repeat it, because I believe in it yet today, when Hegel (for causes unconnected with pure right and wrong) has gone somewhat out of4.....for a while.

As the tale, then, is told by Plato, in the tenth book of *The Republic*, one Er, the son of Arminius, a Pamphylian, was slain in5.....; and ten days afterwards, when they collected the dead for burial, his body alone showed no6.....of corruption. His relatives, however, bore it off to the7.....pyre; and on the twelfth day, lying there, he returned to life, and he told them what he had seen in the other world. Many wonders he related concerning the dead, for example, with their rewards and8.....: but what had impressed him as most wonderful of all was the great spindle of Necessity, reaching up to Heaven, with the planets9.....around it in graduated whorls of width and spread: yet all10.....and so timed that all complete the full circle punctually together. 'The Spindle turns on the knees of Necessity; and on the rim of each11.....sits perched a Siren who goes round with it, hymning a single note; the eight notes together forming one12.....'

Now, as we have the divine word for it — upon two great13.....hang all the law and the prophets, so all religions, all philosophies, hang upon two steadfast and faithful beliefs; the first of which Plato would show by the above14.....

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| (a) Sneered, | (b) Recapitulate, |
| (c) Parable, | (d) Funeral, |
| (e) Revolving, | (f) Punishments, |
| (g) Fashion, | (h) Taint, |
| (i) Battle, | (j) Harmony, |
| (k) Commandments, | (l) Concentric, |
| (m) Whorl, | (n) Fashionable. |

Test 2

What sacred1.....did inspire
 My2.....in childhood with a hope so strong?
 What3.....force moved my desire
 To expect new joys beyond the4....., so young?

Felicity I knew
 Was out of view,
 And being here alone,
 I saw that5.....was gone
 From me! For this
 I thirsted absent bliss,
 And thought that sure beyond the seas,
 Or else in something6.....at hand —
 I knew not yet (since naught did please
 I knew) my Bliss did stand.
 But little did the7.....dream
 That all the treasures of the world were by:
 And that8.....was so the cream
 And9.....of all which round about did lie.
 Yet thus it was: the Gem,
 The Diadem,
 The Ring enclosing all
 That stood upon this earthly ball,
 The10.....Eye,
 Much wider than the sky,
 Wherein they all included were,
 The glorious Soul, that was the King
 Made to possess them, did appear
 A small and little thing!

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| (a) instinct, | (b) Soul, |
| (c) secret, | (d) seas, |
| (e) happiness, | (f) near, |
| (g) infant, | (h) himself, |
| (i) crown, | (j) Heavenly |

Test 3

Now the other and second great belief is, that the Universe, the1....., cannot be apprehended at all except as its rays converge upon the eye, brain, soul of Man, the2.....: on you, on me, on the tiny percipient centre upon which the immense cosmic circle focusses itself as the sun upon a burning-glass — and he is not shrivelled up!

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| (a) macrocosm, | (b) microcosm, |
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Test 4

Other nations have received their laws from conquerors; some are indebted for a constitution to the suffering of their1.....through revolving centuries. The people of this country, alone, have formally and2.....chosen a government for themselves, and with open and

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uninfluenced consent, bound themselves into a social compact. Here, no man3.....his birth or wealth as a title to honorable distinction, or to sanctify ignorance and vice, with the name of hereditary authority. He who has most4.....and ability to promote public5....., let him be the servant of the public. This is the only line of distinction drawn by nature. Leave the bird of night to the6.....for which nature intended him, and expect only from the eagle to brush the clouds with his wings and look7.....in the face of the sun.

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| (a) zeal | (b) boldly |
| (c) obscurity | (d) ancestors |
| (e) felicity | (f) proclaims |
| (g) deliberately | |

Test 5

Ye darkeners of counsel, who would make the property, lives, and religion of millions depend on the evasive1.....of2.....parchments; who would send us to antiquated charters of uncertain and3.....meaning, to prove that the present generation are not bound to be victims to cruel and unforgiving4....., tell us whether our pious and generous ancestors5.....to us the miserable privilege of having the6.....of our honesty, industry, the fruits of those fields which they purchased and bled for, wrested from us at the will of men over whom we have no7..... Did they8.....for us that, with9.....arms, we should expect that justice and mercy from brutal and inflamed invaders which have been denied to our supplications at the foot of the throne?

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| (a) contract | (b) contradictory |
| (c) musty | (d) check |
| (e) folded | (f) rewards |
| (g) despotism | (h) interpretations |
| (i) bequeathed | |

Test 6

Were we to hear our character as a people1.....with indifference? Did they promise for us that our2.....and patience should be insulted, our coasts harassed, our towns3.....and plundered, and our wives and offspring exposed to nakedness, hunger, and death, without our feeling the resentment of men, and exerting those powers of self-preservation which God has given us?

No man had once a4.....veneration for Englishmen than I entertained. They were dear to me as5.....of the

same parental trunk, and6.....of the same religion and laws; I still view with respect the remains of the Constitution as I would a lifeless body which had once been7.....by a great and heroic soul. But when I am aroused by the din of arms; when I8.....legions of foreign assassins paid by Englishmen to imbrue their hands in our blood; when I tread over the9.....bodies of my countrymen, neighbors, and friends; when I see the locks of a10.....father torn by savage hands, and a11.....mother, clasping her infants to her bosom, and on her knees imploring their lives from her own slaves, whom Englishmen have12.....to treachery and murder; when I13.....my country, once the seat of industry, peace, and plenty, changed by Englishmen to a theater of blood and misery, Heaven forgive me if I cannot root out those passions which it has14.....in my bosom, and15.....submission to a people who have either ceased to be human, or have not virtue enough to feel their own16.....and servitude!

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| (a) behold, | (b) greater, |
| (c) branches, | (d) meekness, |
| (e) demolished, | (f) venerable, |
| (g) wretchedness, | (h) ridiculed, |
| (i) feeble, | (j) partakers, |
| (k) implanted, | (l) behold, |
| (m) allured, | (n) feeble, |
| (o) animated, | (p) uncoffined |

Test 7

Men who content themselves with the1.....of truth, and a display of words talk much of our2.....to Great Britain for protection. Had she a single eye to our advantage? A3.....of shopkeepers are very seldom so interested. Let us not be so4.....with words! the5.....of her commerce was her object. When she defended our6....., she fought for her7....., and convoyed our ships loaded with wealth, which we had acquired for her by our8..... She has treated us as9.....of burden, whom the lordly masters10.....that they may carry a greater load. Let us inquire also against whom she has protected us? Against her own11.....with whom we had no quarrel, or only on her account, and against whom we always readily exerted our wealth and strength when they were required. Were these Colonies backward in giving assistance to Great Britain, when they were called upon in 1739 to aid the

.....12.....against Cartagena? They at that time, sent three thousand men to join the British army, although the war commenced without their consent.

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| (a) industry, | (b) cherish, |
| (c) extension, | (d) enemies, |
| (e) nation, | (f) customers, |
| (g) coasts, | (h) semblance, |
| (i) expedition, | (j) obligation, |
| (k) amused, | (l) beasts. |

Test 8

But the last war, it is said, was purely American. This is a vulgar1....., which, like many others, has gained2.....by being confidently repeated. The ...3...between the courts of Great Britain and France related to the limits of Canada and Nova Scotia. The controverted4.....was not claimed by any in the Colonies, but by the crown of Great Britain. It was therefore their own5..... The6.....of a right which England had, by the treaty of Utrecht, of trading in the Indian country of Ohio, was another cause of the war. The French seized large quantities of British manufactures and took possession of a fort which a company of British merchants and factors had erected for the security of their commerce. The war was therefore7.....in defense of lands claimed by the Crown, and for the protection of British8..... The French at that time, had no quarrel with America, and, as appears by letters sent from their9.....to some of the Colonies, wished to remain in peace with us.

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| (a) commander-in-chief, | (b) property, |
| (c) quarrel, | (d) waged, |
| (e) dispute, | (f) infringement, |
| (g) territory, | (h) credit, |
| (i) error | |

Test 9

Sir, there are two1.....which have a powerful influence in the affairs of men. These are ambition and avarice — the love of2.....and the love of3..... Separately, each of these has great force in prompting men to action; but, when united in view of the same object, they have, in many minds, the most4.....effects. Place before the eyes of such men a post of honor, that shall, at the same time, be a place of profit, and they will move5.....and6.....to obtain it. The vast number of such places it is that renders the British government so7..... The

struggles for them are the true source of all those8.....which are9.....dividing the nation, distracting its councils, hurrying it sometimes into10.....and mischievous wars, and often compelling a submission to11.....terms of peace.

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| (a) fruitless | (b) heaven |
| (c) factions | (d) earth |
| (e) power | (f) violent |
| (g) perpetually | (h) money |
| (i) tempestuous | (j) passions |
| (k) dishonorable | |

Test 10

And of what kind are the men that will strive for this profitable1....., through all the bustle of2....., the heat of contention, the infinite mutual abuse of parties, tearing to pieces the best of characters? It will not be the wise and moderate, the lovers of peace and good order, the men fittest for the trust. It will be the bold and the violent, the men of strong passions and3.....activity in their selfish pursuits. These will thrust themselves into your government and be your rulers. And these, too, will be mistaken in the expected happiness of their situation, for their4.....competitors, of the same spirit, and from the same motives, will perpetually be5.....to distress their administration,6.....their measures, and render them odious to the people.

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| (a) endeavoring, | (b) vanquished, |
| (c) thwart, | (d) cabal, |
| (e) preeminence, | (f) indefatigable |

Test 11

WHAT is the sum of1.....science? Compared with the2.....universe and with3.....time, not to speak of infinity and eternity, it is the observation of a mere4....., the experience of an5.....Are we6.....in founding anything upon such data, except that which we are obliged to found upon them — the daily rules and processes7.....for the natural life of man? We call the discoveries of science8.....; and truly. But the sublimity belongs not to that which they9....., but to that which they suggest. And that which they suggest is, that through this material glory and beauty, of which we see a little and imagine more, there speaks to us a being whose nature is akin to ours, and who has made our hearts capable of such converse. Astronomy has its practical uses, without

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which man's10.....would scarcely rouse itself to those speculations; but its greatest result is a11.....of immensity pervaded by one informing mind; and this revelation is made by astronomy only in the same sense in which the12.....reveals the stars to the eye of the astronomer.

Science finds no law for the thoughts which, with her aid, are ministered to man by the starry skies. Science can13.....the hues of sunset, but she cannot tell from what urns of pain and14.....its pensiveness is poured. These things are felt by all men, felt the more in proportion as the mind is higher. They are a part of human nature; and why should they not be as sound a basis for15.....as any other part? But if they are, the solid wall of16.....law melts away, and through the whole order of the material world pours the influence, the personal influence, of a spirit17.....to our own.

If they could not show a Newton as we show an ape, or a Newton's discoveries as we show the feats of apish cunning, it was because Newton was not a mere intellectual power, but a moral being, laboring in the service of his kind, and because his discoveries were the reward, not of sagacity only, but of virtue. We can imagine a mere organ of vision so constructed by omnipotence as to see at a glance infinitely more than could be discovered by all the Newtons, but the animal which possessed that organ would not be higher than the moral being.

Reason, no doubt, is our appointed guide to truth. The limits set to it by each dogmatist, at the point where it comes into conflict with his dogma, are human limits; its providential limits we can learn only by dutifully exerting it to the utmost. Yet, reason must be impartial in the acceptance of data and in the demand of proof. Facts are not the less facts because they are not facts of sense; materialism is not necessarily enlightenment; it is possible to be at once chimerical and gross.

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| (a) philosophy | (b) instant |
| (c) corresponding | (d) comprehensible |
| (e) point | (f) telescope |
| (g) material | (h) explain |
| (i) pleasure | (j) revelation |
| (k) intellect | (l) warranted |
| (m) sublime | (n) reveal |
| (o) physical | (p) necessary, |
| (q) conceivable. | |

ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1

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| 1. (c) | 2. (a) | 3. (c) | 4. (d) | 5. (c) |
| 6. (b) | 7. (a) | 8. (c) | 9. (a) | 10. (d) |
| 11. (b) | 12. (a) | 13. (c) | 14. (a) | 15. (b) |
| 16. (c) | 17. (b) | 18. (b) | 19. (b) | 20. (d) |
| 21. (d) | 22. (c) | 23. (d) | 24. (c) | 25. (d) |
| 26. (a) | 27. (a) | 28. (a) | 29. (b) | 30. (b) |
| 31. (d) | 32. (a) | 33. (b) | 34. (c) | 35. (b) |
| 36. (c) | 37. (c) | 38. (a) | 39. (b) | 40. (a) |
| 41. (b) | 42. (b) | 43. (c) | 44. (a) | 45. (c) |
| 46. (a) | 47. (c) | 48. (d) | 49. (a) | 50. (d) |
| 51. (a) | 52. (a) | 53. (a) | 54. (d) | 55. (d) |
| 56. (a) | 57. (a) | 58. (c) | 59. (b) | 60. (c) |
| 61. (b) | 62. (d) | 63. (d) | 64. (c) | 65. (a) |
| 66. (b) | 67. (a) | 68. (b) | 69. (b) | 70. (a) |
| 71. (a) | 72. (c) | 73. (a) | 74. (c) | 75. (b) |
| 76. (a) | 77. (c) | 78. (d) | 79. (b) | 80. (b) |
| 81. (c) | 82. (a) | 83. (a) | 84. (d) | 85. (a) |
| 86. (c) | 87. (a) | 88. (d) | 89. (a) | 90. (b) |
| 91. (c) | 92. (b) | 93. (a) | 94. (a) | 95. (c) |
| 96. (a) | 97. (c) | 98. (a) | 99. (a) | 100. (a) |
| 101. (b) | 102. (b) | 103. (b) | 104. (a) | 105. (b) |
| 106. (d) | 107. (a) | 108. (c) | 109. (a) | 110. (d) |
| 111. (b) | 112. (a) | 113. (d) | 114. (d) | 115. (c) |
| 116. (d) | 117. (d) | 118. (b) | 119. (b) | 120. (c) |
| 121. (d) | 122. (c) | 123. (a) | 124. (b) | 125. (a) |
| 126. (b) | 127. (c) | 128. (a) | 129. (b) | 130. (d) |
| 131. (c) | 132. (b) | 133. (a) | 134. (c) | 135. (a) |

Exercise 3

Test I

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| 1. (b) | 2. (a) | 3. (n) | 4. (g) | 5. (i) |
| 6. (h) | 7. (d) | 8. (f) | 9. (e) | 10. (l) |
| 11. (m) | 12. (j) | 13. (k) | 14. (c) | |

Test II

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| 1. (j) | 2. (g) | 3. (e) | 4. (i) | 5. (c) |
| 6. (h) | 7. (b) | 8. (f) | 9. (d) | 10. (a) |

Test III

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| 1. (a) | 2. (b) |
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Test IV

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| 1. (d) | 2. (g) | 3. (f) | 4. (a) | 5. (e) |
| 6. (c) | 7. (b) | | | |

Test V

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| 1. (h) | 2. (c) | 3. (b) | 4. (g) | 5. (i) |
| 6. (f) | 7. (d) | 8. (a) | 9. (e) | |

Test VI

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| 1. (h) | 2. (d) | 3. (e) | 4. (b) | 5. (c) |
| 6. (j) | 7. (o) | 8. (a) | 9. (p) | 10. (f) |
| 11. (n) | 12. (m) | 13. (l) | 14. (k) | 15. (i) |
| 16. (g) | | | | |

Test VII

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| 1. (h) | 2. (j) | 3. (e) | 4. (k) | 5. (c) |
| 6. (g) | 7. (f) | 8. (a) | 9. (l) | 10. (b) |
| 11. (d) | 12. (i) | | | |

Test VIII

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| 1. (i) | 2. (h) | 3. (e) | 4. (g) | 5. (c) |
| 6. (f) | 7. (d) | 8. (b) | 9. (a) | |

Test IX

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| 1. (j) | 2. (e) | 3. (h) | 4. (f) | 5. (b) |
| 6. (d) | 7. (i) | 8. (c) | 9. (g) | 10. (a) |
| 11. (k) | | | | |

Test X

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| 1. (e) | 2. (d) | 3. (f) | 4. (b) | 5. (a) |
| 6. (c) | | | | |

Test XI

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| 1. (o) | 2. (d) | 3. (q) | 4. (e) | 5. (b) |
| 6. (l) | 7. (p) | 8. (m) | 9. (n) | 10. (k) |
| 11. (j) | 12. (f) | 13. (h) | 14. (i) | 15. (a) |
| 16. (g) | 17. (c) | | | |