

English Sample Paper - 11

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Directions (Q. 1-2): In the following questions some of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is your answer. If a sentence is free from errors, then your answer is (d) i.e., No error.

1. He is good (a)/in mathematics (b)/ but his friend isn't. (c)/No error (d)
2. The police (a)/has arrested him (b)/ on the charge of theft. (c)/No error (d)

Directions (Q. 3-4): 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.

3. The government must all resources of energy.
(a) collect (b) gather
(c) muster (d) harness
4. A.R. Rahman the music for Common weath Games 2010.
(a) sang (b) made
(c) composed (d) produced

Directions (Q. 5-6): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

5. Emancipate
(a) liberate (b) exist
(c) correct (d) restrain
6. Absorbing
(a) concentrating (b) engrossing
(c) fascinating (d) enriching

Directions (Q. 7-8): In the following questions, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

7. Affirm
(a) refuse (b) reject
(c) deny (d) disagree
8. Robust
(a) lean (b) strong
(c) flexible (d) feeble

Directions (Q. 9-10): In the following questions four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the given Idiom/Phrase.

9. Build castles in the air:
(a) waste time
(b) daydream
(c) build houses
(d) work hard
10. To hit below the belt:
(a) to punish
(b) to tie with a belt
(c) to hit with a belt
(d) to attack unfairly

Directions (Q. 11-15): In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

Man is a (11)..... animal. He cannot live alone. Men of (12) ...dispositions are naturally attracted towards each other. In course of time, intimacy grows between them. They begin to (13)... each other. This is called friendship. Friendship is a feeling of(14).... trust, support and affection between two people. A friend can be a

companion, workmate, class-mate or any person with whom our (15).... of affection are attached. There is a mutual exchange of emotions, trust and support among friends.

11. Man is a animal.
(a) political (b) public
(c) social (d) economical
12. Men of dispositions are naturally attracted.
(a) similar (b) dissimilar
(c) alike (d) distinct
13. They begin to each other.
(a) frustrate (b) ruin
(c) dislike (d) trust
14. Friendship is a feeling of trust.
(a) conflicting (b) mutual
(c) disapproving (d) corrupting
15. whom our of affection are attached.
(a) feelings (b) notions
(c) ideas (d) selections

Directions (Q. 16-18): In the following questions groups of four words are given. In each group one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

16. (a) mischevious
(b) miscarriage
(c) misdemeanour
(d) misnomar
17. (a) harassment
(b) committment
(c) breevement
(d) temperament
18. (a) restaurant (b) resturant
(c) resteurant (d) restorant

Directions (19-20): In the following questions out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

19. A lover of mankind:
 - (a) Theist
 - (b) Veteran
 - (c) Philanthropist
 - (d) Omnipotent
20. A system of Government in which only one political party is allowed to function:
 - (a) Oligarchy
 - (b) Dictatorship
 - (c) Totalitarianism
 - (d) Theocracy

Directions (Q. 21-25): A passage is given with five questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Passage

John had never thought much about the origin of wealth or inequalities in life. It was his firm belief that if this world was not good, the next would be good, and this faith sustained him. He was not like some others whom he knew, who would sell their souls to the devil. He always thought of God before doing anything. He lived the life of an honest man. He had not married but did not desire another man's wife. He believed that women weakened men as was described in the story of Samson and Delilah.

21. "To sell one's soul to the devil" means:
 - (a) suppressing one's conscience
 - (b) giving up goodness in exchange for evil
 - (c) giving up one's honesty for the sake of monetary benefits
 - (d) to sell oneself to earn livelihood
22. John thought that woman weakened men because:
 - (a) he thought that women were evil.
 - (b) he believed that a woman was a fancy devil.
 - (c) he thought that a woman would spoil his life.

- (d) he was convinced that what the story of Samson and Delilah illustrates is correct.
23. It was John's belief that:
 - (a) one can be happy only by remaining a bachelor
 - (b) the world is a happy place
 - (c) there is no other world
 - (d) one must lead an honest life
24. By not desiring another man's wife John showed that:
 - (a) he wanted to get married
 - (b) he was a man of principles
 - (c) he felt sorry for other men
 - (d) he had no desire for another's wealth
25. From the above passage we understand that John was:
 - (a) not highly educated
 - (b) a man of simple faith
 - (c) a deeply pessimistic man
 - (d) a scholar of scriptures

Directions (26-27): In the following questions, some parts of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No error'.

26. If it would (a)/ rain, they will (b)/ not come. (c)/ No error (d)
27. Organic pulses are so popular today (a)/ that many people wonder (b)/ how they ever lived without them. (c)/ No error (d)

Directions (28-29): In the following questions, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and mark it by selecting the appropriate option.

28. My father did not approve the plan of travelling to Uttarakhand because of bad weather there.
 - (a) of
 - (b) one
 - (c) to
 - (d) with
29. I settled Canada last year.
 - (a) at
 - (b) in
 - (c) off
 - (d) on

Directions (30-31): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the word given.

30. Abeyance
 - (a) Commencement
 - (b) Perjure
 - (c) Condone
 - (d) Suspension
31. Dauntless
 - (a) Brave
 - (b) Insane
 - (c) Playful
 - (d) Ugly

Directions (32-33): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the word given.

32. Clandestine
 - (a) Abrupt
 - (b) Illicit
 - (c) Open
 - (d) Wary
33. Intrepid
 - (a) Greed
 - (b) Kind
 - (c) Meek
 - (d) Sigh

Directions (34-35): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

34. To steal a march
 - (a) To act in a foolish way
 - (b) To break something
 - (c) To outshine
 - (d) To see a hidden meaning
35. In a jiffy
 - (a) Fail to win appreciation
 - (b) In an appropriate manner
 - (c) Something that is done very quickly
 - (d) To fall in love

Directions (36-37): Improve the bold part of the sentence.

36. After he arrived from office, he goes to gym.
 - (a) After he had being arriving
 - (b) After he had arrived
 - (c) After he arrives
 - (d) No improvement
37. When I first saw Ankit, he was playing cricket.
 - (a) had played
 - (b) had been playing
 - (c) played
 - (d) No improvement

Directions (38-39): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

38. Mania for travel
 (a) Dromomania
 (b) Hypomania
 (c) Megalomania
 (d) Nymphomania

39. One who has suddenly gained new wealth, power or prestige.
 (a) Egotist (b) Imposter
 (c) Parvenu (d) Scullery

Directions (40–41): In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

40. (a) Acquiescence
 (b) Alienate
 (c) Belligerent
 (d) Sabbotage
41. (a) Alluminium (b) Cemetery
 (c) Recommend (d) Satellite

Directions (42–43): These questions below consist of a set of labelled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

42. P. It isn't bragging about how great you are.
 Q. It's not about thinking you're perfect because nobody is but knowing that you're worthy of being love and accepted.
 R. Self esteem is how much you value yourself and how important you think you are.
 S. It's how you see yourself and feel about your achievements.
 (a) SQRP (b) RQSP
 (c) RSPQ (d) SRQP
43. P. Most of them are combinations of hydrogen and carbon in varying proportions.
 Q. Crude mineral oil comes out of the earth as a thick brown or black liquid with a strong smell.
 R. It is a complex mixture of many different substances, each with it's own individual qualities.
 S. Such hydrocarbons are also found in other forms such as bitumen, asphalt and natural gas.

- (a) QPRS (b) PQRS
 (c) PQSR (d) QRPS

44. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice.
 He shall have bought a car.
 (a) A car was being bought by him.
 (b) A car was bought by him.
 (c) A car will have been bought by him.
 (d) A car would have been bought by him.

45. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.
 The teacher said to the student, "Have you brought your lunch?"
 (a) The student was asked by the teacher about bringing his lunch.
 (b) The teacher asked the student if he would be bringing his lunch.
 (c) The teacher asked the student if he had brought his lunch.
 (d) The teacher asked the student if he has brought his lunch.

Directions (46–50): In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

Children need to be taught the importance of hygiene early on so that it becomes a ... (46)... . Children are the most ... (47)... to hygiene-related disorders like skin issues, rashes, infections, wounds, etc. Teach them early on about what to ... (48)... . Teach them that taking a few ... (49)... measures to prevent infections and diseases is ...(50)... .

46. (a) kind (b) habit
 (c) regular (d) need

47. (a) innocent (b) responsible
 (c) pliable (d) susceptible
48. (a) avoid (b) read
 (c) right (d) learn
49. (a) scientific (b) precautionary
 (c) unimportant (d) insignificant
50. (a) optional
 (b) secondary
 (c) voluntary
 (d) imperative

Answers with Explanations

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1. (b) Here, at mathematics should be used. Good at something means; able to do something well.
2. (b) Here, have arrested him should be used because plural verb should be used with police.
3. (d) The word Harness (Verb) means : to control and use the force or strength of something to produce power or to achieve something.
4. (c) The word Compose (Verb) means : to write a piece of music.
5. (a) The word Emancipate (Verb) means : liberate; to free somebody; set free
6. (b) The word Absorb (Verb) means : take in; to interest somebody very much so that they pay no attention to anything else; engross.
7. (d) The word Affirm (Verb) means : to state firmly or publicly that something is true or that you support something strongly; confirm.
Its antonym should be disagree which means : don't agree.
8. (d) The word Robust (Adjective) means : strong and healthy; vigorous.
The word Feeble (Adjective) means : very weak; not showing determination or energy.
9. (b) Idiom build castles in the air means : plans or dreams that are not likely to happen or come true; daydream.
10. (d) Idiom to hit below the belt means : to attack unfairly.
11. (c) 12. (a) 13. (d) 14. (b) 15. (a)
16. (c) misdemeanour
17. (a) harassment
18. (a) Restaurant is correct spelling which means an establishment where meals are served to customers.
19. (c) Philanthropist: A lover of mankind
20. (c) Totalitarianism
21. (c) Giving up one's honesty for the sake of monetary benefits.
22. (d) He was convinced that what the story of Samson and Delilah illustrates is correct.
23. (d) One must lead an honest life
24. (b) He was a man of principles
25. (b) A man of simple faith
26. (a) In the given sentence, part (a) has an error. To correct the sentence use 'If it' in place of 'If it would'.
27. (c) In the given sentence, part (c) has an error. To correct the sentence use 'had ever' in place of 'they ever'.
28. (a) Approve of (Phrasal Verb): to agree to something, often in an ethical, religious or moral sense.
29. (b) Preposition (in) – used for referring to a big area.
30. (d) Abeyance/Suspension (Noun): a state of dormancy.
Sentence → Matters were held in abeyance.
31. (a) Dauntless/Brave (Adjective): courageous; fearless; dauntless bravery.
32. (c) Opposite of Clandestine is Open (Adjective): not closed; not shut.
33. (c) Opposite of Intrepid is Meek (Adjective): obedient; patient.
Sentence → She brought her meek little husband along.
34. (c) To Outshine
Sentence → Our rival company managed to steal a march on us by bringing out their software ahead of ours.
35. (c) Something that is done very quickly.
Sentence → They left the party in a jiffy.
36. (c) For improvement of sentence use 'After he arrives' in place of 'After he arrived'.
37. (c) For improvement of sentence use 'played' in place of 'was playing'.
38. (a) Best substitute of the sentence is Dromomania (Noun): an uncontrollable desire to travel.
39. (c) Best substitute of the sentence is Parvenu (Noun): someone from a low social position who has suddenly become rich or successful.
The political inexperience of a parvenu.
40. (d) Correctly spelt word → Sabotage.
41. (a) Correctly spelt word → Aluminium.
42. (c) Logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph → RSPQ.
43. (d) Logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph → QRPS.
44. (c) Passive/Active Voice
A car will have been bought by him. Active voice containing a modal verb (shall) and an auxiliary verb (have).
45. (c) Indirect/Direct Speech
The teacher asked the student if he had brought his lunch.
Direct speech of an interrogative sentence.
46. (b) Best option for blank → Habit.
47. (d) Best option for blank → Susceptible.
48. (a) Best option for blank → Avoid.
49. (b) Best option for blank → Precautionary.
50. (d) Best option for blank → Imperative.