



Practice Test-7

Number of questions: 30

Time Allowed: 30 mins.

Directions for questions 1 to 5: The following passage contains blanks that are to be filled in with an appropriate word from the four given options. Choose the best word from the given alternatives.

Four months after the city government enforced its People's Right to Information Act, the Delhi administration still operates in secrecy that verges on ...1... . Bureaucratic straitjackets continue as almost 75 per cent of the government departments are totally ...2... of the provisions of the Act. The government's failure to tutor its officials on the provisions of the Act, staff shortage and infrastructural facilities have made the much-touted law ...3... . Delhi Chief Secretary P. S. Bhatnagar ...4... that only 25 per cent of the administration has responded positively to the new law and made preliminary arrangements to enforce it. "The rest have not even taken the first step in enforcing the law," he said. The Delhi Vidyut Board which has ...5... a list of 25 officials who could act as competent authorities for dispensing information complained that it did not have the supporting staff to ensure enforcement.

1. (a) claustrophobia (b) agoraphobia
(c) paranoia (d) dementia
2. (a) aware (b) famous
(c) popular (d) ignorant
3. (a) bribed (b) ineffectual
(c) ignored (d) work
4. (a) conceded (b) succeeded
(c) clapped (d) refused
5. (a) retracted (b) regressed
(c) held (d) forwarded

Directions for questions 6 to 10: Identify the part of the sentence that contains a grammatical or spelling error. Mark that part as your answer.

6. Cleopatra as well as her retinue of slaves
(a) (b)
are sailing down the Nile.
(c) (d)
7. I do not know to read the scriptures.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
8. This is a best book on the subject.
(a) (b) (c) (d)

9. He broke a antique and expensive vase.

(a) (b) (c) (d)

10. He made some derogatively remarks

(a) (b) (c)

about his uncle.

(d)

Directions for questions 11 to 15: From the options given in each question, choose the grammatically correct sentence.

11. (a) I have been travelling since last two months.
(b) I have been travelling since the last two months.
(c) I have been travelling for the last two months.
(d) I have been travelling from the last two months.
12. (a) What is needed is not more politicians but more leaders.
(b) What are needed is not more politicians, but rather more leaders.
(c) What is needed are not more politicians, but more leaders.
(d) What is are needed are not more politicians, but more leaders.
13. (a) I doubt that he will not succeed in this venture.
(b) I doubt if he will not succeed in this venture.
(c) I doubt whether he will succeed in this venture.
(d) I doubt that he will succeed in this venture.
14. (a) He tried to blame it on to me.
(b) He tried to blame it to me.
(c) He tried to blame me.
(d) He tried to put the blame on to me.
15. (a) I shall go tomorrow certainly.
(b) I shall certainly go tomorrow.
(c) I certainly shall go tomorrow.
(d) I shall go certainly tomorrow.

Directions for questions 16 to 20: Choose the alternative that is closest in meaning to the underlined expression.

16. Sobhraj could easily be arrested because the police were tipped off in advance.
(a) tricked (b) bribed
(c) given information (d) threatened

17. Women should be paid the same as men when they do the same job, for surely, what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.
 (a) what is thought to be acceptable for a man should also be so for a woman
 (b) goose and gander eat the same sauce
 (c) both goose and gander should equally be treated
 (d) the principle of equal treatment should be implemented
18. She wanted to get a bodytop as it was the rage on the fashion scene.
 (a) hated
 (b) subject of argument
 (c) very popular
 (d) leading to violence
19. The chest of drawers was knocked down for a paltry sum.
 (a) was broken down
 (b) was sold cheaply at an auction
 (c) was split into pieces
 (d) was dismantled
20. She stood by him through thick and thin in those difficult times.
 (a) she made him fat
 (b) she put fat in the fire
 (c) she was fat
 (d) under all circumstances

Directions for questions 21 to 25: The following questions consist of two words each that have a certain relationship with each other followed by alternatives. Select the alternative that has the same relationship as depicted in the original pair of words.

21. Wealth : Poverty
 (a) Part : Whole (b) Good : Excellent
 (c) Prodigal : Miser (d) Wicked : Sinful

22. Misfortune : Catastrophe
 (a) Miniature : Big
 (b) Limited : Infinite
 (c) Knowledge : Learning
 (d) Happiness : Elation
23. Molecule : Atoms
 (a) Family : Sisters (b) Light : Bulb
 (c) Tissue : Cells (d) Body : Limb
24. Limp : Walk
 (a) Flap : Fly (b) Run : Race
 (c) Stutter : Talk (d) Chew : Digest
25. Riddle : Solve
 (a) Mirage : Illusion (b) Joke : Amuse
 (c) Mystery : Unravel (d) Target : Sim

Directions for questions 26 to 30: Fill in the following blanks with the appropriate choices.

26. Could I rely _____ you to be discreet?
 (a) at (b) on
 (c) in (d) over
27. We _____ tennis in the garden when you telephoned.
 (a) had played (b) playing
 (c) were playing (d) are playing
28. It is _____ that he is unhappy with your performance today.
 (a) understandable (b) only but natural
 (c) a natural (d) by nature
29. If he had taken his doctor's advice, he _____ recovered soon.
 (a) would be (b) would have
 (c) would have been (d) should be
30. There are some birds in Siberia that _____ every year to the Ghana bird sanctuary.
 (a) migrated (b) have migrated
 (c) are migrating (d) migrate



Answer Key

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| 1. (c) | 2. (d) | 3. (b) | 4. (a) | 5. (d) | 6. (c) | 7. (c) | 8. (c) | 9. (c) | 10. (c) |
| 11. (c) | 12. (a) | 13. (c) | 14. (c) | 15. (b) | 16. (c) | 17. (a) | 18. (c) | 19. (b) | 20. (d) |
| 21. (c) | 22. (d) | 23. (c) | 24. (c) | 25. (c) | 26. (b) | 27. (c) | 28. (a) | 29. (b) | 30. (d) |



Explanations

1. c Paranoid people are very secretive. Hence, 'paranoia' is the correct word.
2. d The departments are unaware of the Act. Hence, 'ignorant' is the correct word.
3. b The law is not working, hence it is 'ineffectual'.
4. a The correct word to be used is 'conceded', which means to admit the truth.
5. d The list has been handed over — 'forwarded'.
6. c 'is sailing down the Nile' is the correct phrase because the subject of this sentence is 'Cleopatra'(singular), not 'slaves'.
7. c 'how to read' is the correct phrase as the verb 'to know' cannot be followed directly by an infinitive ('to read'), but takes a conjunction, e.g. how, which, what, when, whether, etc.
8. c The definite article 'the' should be used before a superlative (best).
9. c The article 'an' should be used in place of 'a' before a word beginning with a vowel or vowel sound (antique).
10. c The correct adjective to be used here is 'derogatory', which qualifies the noun 'remark' in the given sentence.
11. c 'Since' implies a specific point of time, while 'for' indicates a 'generic span of time'. Hence, in this case 'for' is a better word to indicate a generic span of time.
12. a Statement (a) is correct. 'Rather' is redundant as they both (but and rather) mean the same. Also 'what' requires the verb 'is' in this case.
13. c When there are two plausible outcomes, the word 'whether' is suitable. 'I doubt whether...'
14. c Option (c) is the answer that gives the direct effect.
15. b Option (b) is the answer as it has the adverb('certainly') rightly placed.
16. c 'to tip off' means to give advance information.
17. a The meaning of the phrase — what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander — implies that whatever is acceptable for the man should be acceptable for the woman.
18. c A 'rage' means a very popular fad.
19. b 'to knock down' means to sell off at an auction. A 'paltry sum' means a meagre amount.
20. d 'Through thick and thin' means that the two of them went through both good and bad times together.
21. c 'Prodigal' means extravagant while 'Miser' means stingy. These words are almost antonyms, just as the original pair.
22. d 'Catastrophe' is an advanced form of 'Misfortune'. 'Elation' is a higher form of 'happiness'.
23. c 'Molecule' is made up of 'Atoms'. 'Tissue' is made up of 'Cells'. Body is not made up of limb, but limbs.
24. c 'Limping' is an incorrect form of 'walking'. 'Stuttering' is an incorrect form of 'talking'.
25. c You 'solve a riddle', and 'unravel a mystery'.
26. b You can rely 'on' somebody, not 'over' or 'in' somebody.
27. c The action has to be a past continuous tense as the people were doing the action in the past. Hence, the phrase 'were playing' is used.
28. a 'understandable' is the correct option. The remaining options do not fit in logically.
29. b 'The conditional verb phrase 'would have' will be used here as the sentence puts a condition to 'his recovery', which is 'if he had taken the doctor's advice'.
30. d Simple present tense is mostly used to convey a habitual action. Hence, the verb 'migrate' is used.