

## TEST

## VERBAL ABILITY

Time: 25 Minutes

**Direction for questions 1 to 4:** In these questions, you are to analyse the situation on which each question is based and then select the answer choice that is the most appropriate response to the question.

1. The residents of a particular locality were administered a particular medicine of a company continuously for three months. The locality which had reported high incidence of Hepatitis B before the administration of the medicine reported no cases at the end of this period. The company claimed that this was because their medicine helped the residents develop immunity against Hepatitis B.

Which of the following, if true, most seriously weakens the claim of the company?

- (A) A few cases of Hepatitis B were reported in the locality a month after the company started administering the medicine to the residents.
- (B) The incidence of Hepatitis B is found to be very high during winter, which lasts for about four months in the region, and winter set in three months back.
- (C) Research shows that any medicine capable of helping develop immunity against Hepatitis B takes about six months to show results.
- (D) Usually newborn children are more affected by Hepatitis B, and there were no children born in the locality in the past three months.
2. Ms. E, a serious protagonist of environmental protection, wins a mayoral election to city 'C' against Mr. D. The success of Ms. E, against Mr. D in the election could be attributed to her concern for the environment in all of the following cases EXCEPT when
- (A) The citizens of 'C' are highly environment conscious.
- (B) The city administration has powers to act against activities resulting in environmental degradation.
- (C) Ms. E is also known to possess excellent leadership qualities.
- (D) Mr. D is a champion of environmental protection.
3. The life expectancy of the population of a country has increased from forty five (twenty five years ago) to seventy now—due to increased medical facilities and better health consciousness in people. However, an insurance company in the country has not lowered the premium substantially despite the life expectancy going up.

Which of the following, if true, would rationalize the action of the insurance company in not lowering the insurance premium?

- (A) The increase in life expectancy has been significant only in the past five years.
- (B) There have been fewer deaths due to cancer in recent years, whereas twenty five years back it was

claiming a number of lives.

- (C) The average age of the population of the country remained at around forty five only due to the increased birth rate in the past twenty five years.
- (D) The country had been at war with all its neighbours during the past twenty five years, resulting in heavy casualties among its soldiers.
4. A company found that the attrition rate among its employees, especially among the skilled, has been particularly high in the last three months. As the company had introduced night shifts three months ago, it was concluded that this was the reason for the attrition. The employees working in night shifts were, therefore paid per cent extra wages.

Which of the following would strongly support the above conclusion?

- (A) The wages of the employees compared to those of employees in other companies of comparable size in the same locality are 25% higher.
- (B) The productivity of employees working in the night shift is higher.
- (C) The number of night shift employees is less than that of the day shift employees.
- (D) The attrition rate is higher in the case of night shift employees.

**Direction for questions 5 to 10:** Each question has a word followed by four choices. From the choices, identify the one which is opposite in meaning (antonym) to the main word and mark its number as your answer.

## 5. IGNOMINIOUS

- (A) Crooked (B) Dishonest  
(C) Ominous (D) Laudable

## 6. MELLOWED

- (A) Ripened (B) Sensational  
(C) Immature (D) Ridiculous

## 7. ROBUST

- (A) Sturdy (B) Feeble  
(C) Muscular (D) Ridiculous

## 8. VINDICTIVE

- (A) Forgiving (B) Relentless  
(C) Revengeful (D) Disproving

## 9. ALTRUISM

- (A) Kindness (B) Selfishness  
(C) Tenderness (D) Benevolence

## 10. BOISTEROUS

- (A) Serene (B) Rowdy  
(C) Violent (D) Tumultuous

**Direction for questions 11 to 18:** Fill in the blanks in the given sentences so as to make sense. Select the correct word from the answer choices and mark its number as the answer.

11. The angry officer called \_\_\_\_\_ an explanation from his subordinate for the error.  
(A) on (B) for  
(C) out (D) in
12. I shall keep \_\_\_\_\_ nothing from you regarding my family affairs as you are a close friend.  
(A) on (B) out  
(C) back (D) in
13. Mulk Raj Anand is a novelist with a/an \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) attribute (B) mission  
(C) idea (D) need
14. The motivation to \_\_\_\_\_ comes from a burning desire to achieve a purpose.  
(A) meet (B) start  
(C) succeed (D) idolize
15. Rainfall \_\_\_\_\_ the work being done by the fire-fighters at the site of the tragedy.  
(A) protected (B) cherished  
(C) hindered (D) illuminated
16. The Americans appreciated the \_\_\_\_\_ made by Pervez Musharraf.  
(A) posture (B) texture  
(C) gesture (D) resources
17. She \_\_\_\_\_ the tray on a table next to the bed.  
(A) slowed (B) kept  
(C) set (D) shook
18. We have \_\_\_\_\_ some good times together, she and I.  
(A) looked (B) laughed  
(C) smiled (D) seen

**Direction for questions 19 to 24:** Each question gives a word followed by four choices. From the choices, select the

most suitable synonym (word which means the same) for the main word and mark its number as the answer.

19. ABSTRACT  
(A) Peculiar (B) Summary  
(C) Normal (D) Diagnostic
20. COMPLACENT  
(A) Disappointed (B) Evasive  
(C) Satisfied (D) Flimsy
21. EXTERMINATE  
(A) Evict (B) Dissociate  
(C) Accuse (D) Annihilate
22. UMPTEEN  
(A) Numerous (B) Youthful  
(C) Rainy (D) Convergent
23. OSTENSIBLE  
(A) Strong (B) Desirable  
(C) Apparent (D) Fateful
24. STALWART  
(A) Watchful (B) Sturdy  
(C) Delicate (D) Encomium

**Direction for questions 25 to 26:** In each of the following questions, a pair of words in capitals is given followed by four numbered pairs of words. Select from the choices the pair which exhibits the same relationship as the capitalised pair of words and mark the number as your answer.

25. PROPERTY : MORTGAGE  
(A) Money : Lend  
(B) Equity : Interest  
(C) Inventory : Merchandise  
(D) Security : Price
26. NEGOTIABLE : CHEQUE  
(A) Frozen : Asset  
(B) Oil : Seed  
(C) Bank : Money  
(D) Security : Price

**Direction for questions 27 to 30:** For the word given on the top of the table, match the dictionary definitions given in the left-hand columns (A, B, C, D) with their corresponding usage given in the right-hand column (E, F, G, H). Out of the four numbered choices given in the boxes below the table, identify the one that has all definitions and usages correctly matched.

**27. RAISE**

A.	Levy or collect or bring together	E.	The girl has been raised in a very conservative environment.
B.	Cause to be heard or considered	F.	We decided to raise some money to help the flood victims.
C.	Increase the amount or value or strength of	G.	I will raise this issue at the right moment.
D.	Bring up; educate	H.	The doctor raised the potency of the drug before administering it to the patient.

(A)

A	G
B	H
C	F
D	E

(B)

A	F
B	G
C	H
D	E

(C)

A	G
B	E
C	H
D	F

(D)

A	F
B	H
C	G
D	E

## 28. SENSE

A.	One of the five powers (sight, taste, smell, touch, hearing)	E.	'When will he ever come to his senses?' she asked exasperated
B.	Show or find the meaning of	F.	I could sense that something was amiss in the function.
C.	The ability to think clearly	G.	I cannot make sense of what he says.
D.	Be vaguely aware	H.	We perceive the world through our senses.

(A)

A	H
B	G
C	F
D	E

(B)

A	G
B	E
C	F
D	H

(C)

A	E
B	F
C	H
D	G

(D)

A	H
B	G
C	E
D	F

## 29. MATCH

A.	Corresponding in some essential respect with what has been mentioned.	E.	The match will start at 9:00 a.m.
B.	Be as good or equal to	F.	Australia finally met its match in the finals.
C.	A contest or competition	G.	Geetanjali would be a nice match for Govind.
D.	A person viewed in regard to his or her eligibility for marriage	H.	If you buy two shirts, we will give any two matching ties free of cost.

(A)

A	H
B	F
C	E
D	G

(B)

A	G
B	E
C	H
D	F

(C)

A	H
B	G
C	E
D	F

(D)

A	G
B	H
C	F
D	E

## 30. MASS

A.	The Eucharist, especially in the Roman Catholic Church	E.	During peak traffic hours, the entire city seems to be just a mass of humanity.
B.	A dense aggregation of objects	F.	The Mass conducted at the Church was good for the salvation of the soul.
C.	The ordinary people; the majority	G.	Science students must know that mass and weight are entirely different.
D.	The quantity of material that something contains	H.	The masses are bothered only about the problems of day-to-day living and therefore, have no time for politics or sports.

(A)

A	H
B	G
C	F
D	E

(B)

A	G
B	H
C	E
D	F

(C)

A	F
B	E
C	H
D	G

(D)

A	E
B	F
C	H
D	G

## ANSWER KEYS

1. C	2. D	3. D	4. D	5. D	6. C	7. B	8. A	9. B	10. A
11. B	12. C	13. B	14. C	15. C	16. C	17. B	18. D	19. B	20. C
21. D	22. D	23. C	24. B	25. A	26. A	27. B	28. D	29. B	30. C