

# English Proficiency

## General Vocabulary

### Application Based Questions

#### Q.1. Odd man out:

**Directions:** Each question has four items. Select the item that does not belong to the group. If all the words are related, mark (E).

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|----|--|---|---|
| 1. | barbarous, savage, brutal, nihilistic        | [ | ] |
| 2. | avarice, opulence, avidity, cupidity         | [ | ] |
| 3. | anarchy, chaos, pandemonium, shield          | [ | ] |
| 4. | laconic, terse, concise, frugal              | [ | ] |
| 5. | implore, beseech, entreat, malign            | [ | ] |
| 6. | zenith, apogee, nadir, pinnacle              | [ | ] |
| 7. | profuse, ample, titanic, copious             | [ | ] |
| 8. | spurious, atrocious, apocryphal, unauthentic | [ | ] |
| 9. | perilous, precarious, veritable, hazardous   | [ | ] |

#### Q.2. Contextual meaning:

**Directions:** Write the meaning of the underlined words in the given context.

1. They are carrying out a charade of negotiations with the government.

**Ans.** .....  
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2. The individual's freedom is circumscribed by his responsibility to others.

**Ans.** .....  
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3. Indians are likely to be parochial.

**Ans.** .....  
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4. I was discomfited to find the boss in the disco.

**Ans.** .....  
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5. The football coach had a sympathetic presence, albeit a commanding one.

**Ans.** .....  
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6. Ritu asked Rashmi not to meddle in her affairs.

**Ans.** .....  
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7. Gandhiji always advocated the cause of indigenous industries.

**Ans.** .....  
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8. The benevolence of the God of Rain has seen a very successful monsoon this year too.

**Ans.** .....  
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9. There is no efficacious remedy to the unemployment problem in a country which has no idea logical convictions.

**Ans.** .....  
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10. He is very discreet while deciding such matters.

Ans. ....  
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**Q.3. Fill in the blanks:**

**Directions:** In each of the following questions you are given one or more blanks. Each question is followed by four choices, only one of which fits the blank(s) appropriately. That correct choice is your answer. In case there is more than one blank, each answer choice has more than one filler which should fit the blanks in their respective order.

1. After a recent mild paralytic attack his movements are \_\_\_\_\_ restricted; otherwise he is still very active.  
(a) entirely                      (b) slightly                      (c) nowhere                      (d) frequently
2. Among the factors \_\_\_\_\_ to the low productivity in agriculture, the first place is occupied by irregular water supply.  
(a) producing                      (b) showing                      (c) resulting                      (d) contributing
3. Women should be paid the same as men-when they do the same job, for surely, what is sauce for the \_\_\_\_\_ is sauce for the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) goose, gander                      (b) cock, hen                      (c) fox, vixen                      (d) buck, doe
4. Ravi was always \_\_\_\_\_ of the good fortune of others.  
(a) miserable                      (b) irritable                      (c) greedy                      (d) envious
5. Survival of mankind itself is in danger due to \_\_\_\_\_ of atomic weapons.  
(a) perpetuation                      (b) regularization                      (c) provocation                      (d) proliferation
6. Though fond of many acquaintances, I desire \_\_\_\_\_ only with a few.  
(a) introduction                      (b) cordiality                      (c) intimacy                      (d) encounter
7. Cellular phone service has \_\_\_\_\_ in a new phase of communication.  
(a) called                      (b) ushered                      (c) resulted                      (d) started

8. The present \_\_\_\_\_ has not prevented the railway minister from announcing an increasing number of superfast trains.  
(a) crisis (b) syndrome (c) generation (d) stability
9. Nabeesa was not \_\_\_\_\_ by the criticism and paid no \_\_\_\_\_ even when her best friend talked against her.  
(a) threatened, warning (b) troubled, mind  
(c) deterred, heed (d) bothered, attention
10. As \_\_\_\_\_ head of the organisation, he attended social functions and civil meetings, but had no \_\_\_\_\_ in the formulation of company policy.  
(a) hypothetical, vote (b) titular, voice  
(c) nominal, competition (d) former, pride
11. The perpetual spinning of particles is much like that of a top, with one significant difference; unlike the top, the particles have no need to be wound up, for \_\_\_\_\_ is one of their \_\_\_\_\_ properties.  
(a) revolution, radical (b) rotation, intrinsic (c) motion, intangible (d) acceleration, hypothetical
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ terrorist was finally \_\_\_\_\_ by the police,  
(a) famous, apprehended (b) notorious, nabbed  
(c) crafty, admonished (d) renowned, caught

**Q.6. Cloze Test:**

**Directions:** In the following passages there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each four words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

Humans are commonly believed to be \_\_\_1\_\_\_ animals that can consume both plant and animal products. Evidence suggests that early Homo Sapiens employed Hunter-gatherer as their primary means of \_\_\_2\_\_\_ collection. This involves combining stationary plant and fungal food sources (such as fruits, grains, roots, and mushrooms) with mobile animals, which must be \_\_\_3\_\_\_ and killed in order to be consumed.

At least ten thousand years \_\_\_4\_\_\_, humans developed agriculture, which has altered the kind of food people eat. This has led to a variety of important historical consequences such as increased population, the

development of cities, and the wide spread of infectious diseases. A portion of food or the act of eating a portion of food is considered a meal. Often named and patterned, meals, play an important role in a social occasion, such as the celebration of many key cultural and religious festivals. A \_\_\_5\_\_\_ can be used as means for feeding a single individual or shared and eaten simultaneously by two or more people.

The number of meals consumed by a \_\_\_6\_\_\_ in a day, their size, composition, when and how they are prepared and eaten varies \_\_\_7\_\_\_ around the world. This \_\_\_8\_\_\_ can be attributed to a number of local factors, including climate, ecology, economy, cultural traditions and industrialization.

In societies where the availability of food has \_\_\_9\_\_\_ above subsistence levels and beyond staple foods, meals are also sold pre-prepared for \_\_\_10\_\_\_ consumption in restaurants and other similar retail premises.

**Fill in the blanks with suitable word in number 1 to 10**

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|-----|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| 1.  | carnivorous | omnivorous   | herbivorous | social  |
| 2.  | nutrient    | vitamin      | food        | meat    |
| 3.  | hunted      | captured     | captivated  | tracked |
| 4.  | ago         | later        | after       | before  |
| 5.  | food        | vitamins     | meat        | meal    |
| 6.  | humans      | individuals  | person      | people  |
| 7.  | all over    | huge         | greatly     | almost  |
| 8.  | diversity   | bewilderment | variety     | kind    |
| 9.  | arose       | aroused      | risen       | raised  |
| 10. | quick       | immediate    | synchronous | fast    |

**Q.6. Multiple choice questions:**

**Directions:** Choose the option which contains a pair of words related to each other in the same way as the pair given in capital letters.

- FRAGILE : CRACK : :  
 (a) Irreducible : Reduce  
 (b) Cemetery : Death  
 (c) Hydro : Water  
 (d) Pliable : Bend
- SIP : GULP : :  
 (a) Soup : Water  
 (b) Tent : Hut  
 (c) Touch : Push  
 (d) Cup : Glass
- WHISPER : SPEAK : :  
 (a) Listen : Bear  
 (b) Request : Ask  
 (c) Brush : Touch  
 (d) Heat : Chill
- IMPECCABLE : FLAW : :  
 (a) Intolerable : Defect  
 (b) Immovable : Choice  
 (c) Infallible : Error  
 (d) Irreversible : Cure

5. CHATTER : TALK : :  
(a) Scurry : Move (b) Sleep : Drowse (c) Limp : Walk (d) Chant : Sing
6. ODYSSEY : GREEK  
(a) Utopia : English (b) Tulsidas : Sanskrit (c) Mona Lisa : English (d) Dante : Latin

**Directions:** In each of the following questions/ out of the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the italicised bold part of the sentence.

7. Deepak has a penchant for fine poetry.  
(a) desire (b) bias (c) liking (d) training
8. The number of aboriginal inhabitants in Australia is considerable.  
(a) primitive (b) ancient (c) unoriginal (d) irrational
9. He would have been successful, but for his lack of temerity.  
(a) audacity (b) sincerity (c) confidence (d) strength
10. The operator was commended for his dexterity.  
(a) cooperation (b) courtesy (c) punctuality (d) skill
11. Many cities were incinerated during the war  
(a) destroyed (b) shaken (c) bombed (d) burnt
12. I disdain those who tell lies.  
(a) condemn (b) scorn (c) hate (d) despise

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13. India has the \_\_\_\_\_ of high saving and low growth rates.  
(a) irony (b) similarity (c) difference (d) paradox
14. Few countries can \_\_\_\_\_ India in variety, colour and richness of dance-forms.  
(a) rival (b) depict (c) prevail (d) fight
15. Though fond of many acquaintances, I desire \_\_\_\_\_ only with a few.  
(a) introduction (b) cordiality (c) intimacy (d) encounter
16. The official \_\_\_\_\_ the Chief Minister of the situation in the town.  
(a) apprised (b) informed (c) appraised (d) asked
17. She had a terrible night caused by a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ during her sleep.  
(a) incubus (b) debility (c) obsession (d) delusion

**Directions:** Answer the following questions independent of each other.

- 18.** Word 'Elegance' has certain relationship with the word 'Vulgarity'. Which of the following words have similar relationship with 'Graceful'?
- (a) Awkward (b) Comely (c) Asperity (d) Dirty
- 19.** Word 'Genuine' has certain relationship with the word 'Authentic'. Which of the following words have similar relationship with 'Mirage'?
- (a) Image (b) Transpiration (c) Reflection (d) Illusion
- 20.** Word 'Breeze' has certain relationship with the word 'Cyclone'. Which of the following words have similar relationship with 'Drizzle'?
- (a) Earthquake (b) Storm (c) Flood (d) Downpour
- 21.** Which of the following is not a proper expression of fear?
- (a) Shudder (b) Udder (c) Chill down the spine (d) Goosebumps
- 22.** "SORROW : DEATH" show some relationship. Which of the following options shows a similar relationship?
- (a) Laugh : Cry (b) Happiness : Birth (c) Fear : Hate (d) Confusion : Anger
- 23.** How many three letter words can be made by the word "ENLIS"? Use a letter only once.
- (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 5
- 24.** How many three letter words can be made by the word "PRIMA"? Use a letter only once.
- (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 5 (d) 6
- 25.** Sometimes coding is done by representing a number by an English alphabet (or vice-versa) following certain rule. In a certain code, 15789 is written as EGYPT and 2346 is written as ALUR. How is 23549 written in that code?
- (a) ALEUT (b) ALGTU (c) ALGUT (d) ALGRT
- 26.** Arrange the given words in alphabetical order as they would appear in a dictionary.
1. Contempt 2. Contemporary 3. Confident 4. Consistent
- (a) 1, 3, 2, 4 (b) 3, 4, 2, 1 (c) 1, 2, 3, 4 (d) 4, 2, 1, 3
- 27.** Which one of the following sentences has a different meaning for "South"?
- (a) Australia is situated south of equator (b) South Pole is in Antarctica
- (c) In winters birds migrate south (d) This graph is going south
- 28.** Which of the following sentences has a different meaning for "booked".
- (a) The criminal was booked for robbery. (b) I booked a train ticket.
- (c) Rohit booked a seat in the class. (d) Tagore booked a place in history by writing "Geetanjali".
- 29.** Which of the following has a different meaning for "Draw"
- (a) Draw a line (b) Draw the curtain (c) Draw the match (d) Draw the ticket.
- 30.** Which of the following has a different meaning for "pull"
- (a) Pull the chain (b) Pull the leg (c) Pull the wire (d) Pull the cart

- 31.** Which of the following has a different-meaning for “fire”?
- (a) Sohan was fired from his job.
  - (b) Rukmini lit the kitchen fire.
  - (c) Jungle fire spreads quickly.
  - (d) In Jammu and Kashmir an ordnance factory caught fire.