



Exercise 1

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the options given below. Do not use the same word twice.

Options: abolished, abated, abdicated, abandoned, able, rebates, capable, abridged, banished, capacious, abbreviation, about, bear, exile, bared, sale, war, barter, battle, above)

1. Lord Buddhahis kingship and became a hermit.
2. The Indian governmentslavery.
3. The residentsthe haunted house.
4. The rainafter some time.
5. The shops offerin the off season.
6. Our government isto confront any type of situation.
7. He isof solving this problem.
8. Confucius possessed amind.
9. B.A. is anof 'Bachelor of Arts'.
10.versions of classics are easier to read than the original versions.
11. It wasten in the night when we reached home.
12. The painting was hungthe window.
13. The Shah of Iraq wasfrom his country.
14. Prospero, a character of Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest', was living in.....
15. The patienthis chest when the doctor examined him.
16. We have toour own burdens.
17. Napoleon was killed in theof Waterloo.
18. The world is on the verge of a third world.....
19.is an economic transaction involving exchange of articles.
20. This premises is for.....

Exercise 2

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the options given below. Do not use the same word twice:

Options: bend, calamity, bow, captivated, dainty, elect, captured, careful, deduced, select, catastrophe, tragedy, cautious, character, conduct, decimated, delicate, delicious, destroy, fascinating.

1. I canmy head till my toes.
2. Lord Rama had to break Shiva'sin order to marry Sita.
3. Alexander the Greatmany kingdoms.
4. The movie Sholaywhosoever saw it.
5. The Niagara Falls is aplace to visit.
6. Sita had to give a test of herafter coming back from the clutches of Ravana.
7. The codes ofare specified in every job.
8. Weour clothes from the choices that we have.
9. Weour own representatives.
10. The floods are a natural
11. The movie Titanic was a
12. The atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki resulted in a
13. We should beof wild animals when we are walking through a forest.
14. We should beto speak the right thing at the right time.
15. The daisy is aflower.
16. Porcelain statues are very
17. Lucknow is very famous for itskebabs.
18. The Tsunami incidenta large number of people.

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19. Some times one has toto recreate.
20. This theory has beenfrom the observed data.

Exercise 3

Options: absolute, efficacious, anxious, ballad, curious, ballet, decrease, differs, reduce, diminishes, eagerly, effective, bail, effectual, elder, guarantee, older, deferred, efficient.

1. We should try toour wants.
2. The payment was
3. Cokefrom coffee in taste and flavour.
4. There is ain the sale of geysers in the summer.
5. With age, the physical beauty of every person
6. The studentswait for the exams to end.
7. Children by nature, are alot.
8. Akhil isabout the results of his examinations.
9. Lord Krishna's advice to Arjuna proved
10. Rajeev usedmethods to convince his students.
11. Sunil is anworker.
12. The treatment given by the doctor to the patient was
13. Ram was Lakshman'sbrother.
14. Balram was muchthan Krishna.
15. Ais necessary to get the accused released from custody.
16. Nowadays, all companies give aof their products.
17. Ais a type of traditional song, conveying a story.
18. Thedancers have to get initiated.
19. Thepower in a democracy is in the hands of the common people.

Exercise 4

Options: accepted, quiet, accomplished, achievement, gathers, acquaintances, acquitted, incident, agreed, amassing, applauded, attaining, discharged, accident, factual, acclaimed, familiarity, obsolete, quite, accumulate,

1. The usage of a word like thou isin common conversation.

2. The coffee isgood.
3. It was veryin the church.
4. Rahulthe offer given to him.
5. The teacherto arrange for extra classes for weak students.
6. The boy was injured when he met with an
7. The tsunamileft a great impact on anyone who even remotely heard about it.
8. Amitabh is widelyas a great actor.
9. The mayorthe efforts of the citizens to protect the environment.
10. If dusting is not done regularly, wooden furniture has a tendency todust.
11. The politicians are only concerned withwealth.
12. It has been truly said that a rolling stoneno moss.
13. For India, to get a permanent place in the U.N Security Council will be a great
14. For management students,the position of the C.E.O of a big company is the final goal.
15. Our first President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad was anscholar.
16. All ourcannot become our friends.
17. The proverb thatbreeds contempt holds true for all relationships.
18. Innocent people who have been falsely charged with a crime should beas soon as they are proved not guilty.
19. The patient wasfrom the hospital.
20. He gave aaccount of the accident.

Exercise 5

Options: accentuate, congenial, action, bow, actuate, adjoining, congenital, adjourned, diffused, auction, bend, benefactor, beneficiaries, benefits, bough, defusing, intrusive, pestilent, postponed, urge.

1. Everyhas an equal and opposite reaction.
2. The sword of Tipu Sultan was recently bought at anby an Indian.
3. The vitaminsthe human body to fight against diseases.
4. We shouldthe right words while reciting poetry.
5. Sometimes, even the most honest people have tothe rules to do the right things.

6. Webefore God to show our reverence.
7. The wordhas been replaced by the word branch in common conversation.
8. The greatestof all is God.
9. Adversity has itstoo.
10. The areasriver banks are generally fertile as they are rich in alluvial soil.
11. The parliament isat the end of each session.
12. The exams when, create problems for the students.
13.should be thankful to their benefactors.
14.lighting creates a pleasant ambience.
15.a bomb requires skill as well as courage.
16. Some diseases areand cannot be cured.
17. The atmosphere wasin the new workplace, so Shyam did not feel uneasy.
18. The online popup advertising is veryand distracts the surfer.
19. Sleeping sickness is caused by the bite of thetse-tse fly.
20. Ancan also be described as a strong inclination.
6. The Christmas tree waswith stars and other decorative items.
 - (a) adorned (b) endowed
 - (c) encased (d) enticed
 - (e) encompassed
7. There is no place forin an accountant's job.
 - (a) assets (b) asserts
 - (c) errors (d) duffers
8. A wise person is one who learns from his
 - (a) errors (b) mistakes
 - (c) falsities (d) lies
 - (e) bad manners
9. Many companies ask their employees to sign aof secrecy.
 - (a) agreement (b) bond
 - (c) bondage (d) espionage
 - (e) treaty
10. Slaves were freed fromonly after they died.
 - (a) ablution (b) pilferage
 - (c) agreement (d) bondage
 - (e) abolition
11. Before theof the Europeans in India, India was a free country.
 - (a) entry (b) amalgamation
 - (c) emigration (d) advent
 - (e) immigration

Exercise 6

Directions: Choose the best option.

1. This is aon his character.
 - (a) blot (b) blur
 - (c) slur (d) spot
 - (e) mark
2. This is a goodfor a picnic.
 - (a) plot (b) spot
 - (c) scene (d) landscape
3. Theof the state is efficient.
 - (a) administration (b) democracy
 - (c) policy (d) autocracy
 - (e) plutocracy
4. Theof private limited companies is in the hands of its directors.
 - (a) managers (b) administrators
 - (c) management (d) department
 - (e) society
5. Ram the prince of Ayodhyahis siblings.
 - (a) adorned (b) adored
 - (c) vitiated (d) endangered
 - (e) abhorred
12. Duryodhana was the mainof the Pandavas.
 - (a) enmity (b) adversary
 - (c) effrontery (d) adversity
 - (e) disparage
13. Gandhithe cause of the untouchables.
 - (a) blessed (b) held
 - (c) advocated (d) argued
 - (e) confronted
14. All citizens should be ready totheir country.
 - (a) defend (b) uphold
 - (c) nurture (d) assert
 - (e) convoy
15. Smokinghealth.
 - (a) effects (b) kills
 - (c) affects (d) rejects
 - (e) underestimates
16. The theory of cause andexplains many mysteries of the universe.
 - (a) affect (b) effect

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- (c) reasons (d) concept
(e) conquer
17. It is difficult to drink from a cup which is full to the
(a) top (b) edge
(c) brim (d) circumference
(e) topmost
18.and ecstasy are two sides of a puzzle called life.
(a) pain (b) penury
(c) agony (d) anguish
(e) elation
19. Leo experienced greatwhen his pet dog died.
(a) pain (b) anguish
(c) losses (d) serendipity
(e) mourning
20. Aof fresh air relaxes a tense mind.
(a) breathe (b) volley
(c) gulp (d) breath
(e) brush
21. Pollution causes a lot ofproblems.
(a) breath (b) breathe
(c) breather (d) breathing
(e) brethren
22. If a rider doesn't hold thecorrectly, he can fall.
(a) bridle (b) bridal
(c) whip (d) saddle
(e) pedal
23. Ali's horse is of an excellent
(a) brood (b) steed
(c) breed (d) stood
(e) quality
24. Her complaintswith the complaints we have received from others.
(a) agree (b) similar
(c) identical (d) tally
(e) accord
25. His opinionwith the general opinion of the experts on this matter.
(a) concurs (b) tally
(c) assert (d) assimilate
(e) simulate
26. The ruling party found itself in fullwith the opposition.
- (a) opinion (b) accord
(c) concord (d) discordant
(e) swing
27. The jury's viewswith those of the lawyer on the issues of crime and punishment.
(a) coincided (b) ally
(c) approve (d) apprise
(e) assert
28. Her ideas do notto the general definition of civilization.
(a) review (b) conform
(c) opine (d) confirm
(e) contrite
29. The committeeof all the changes in the report.
(a) dissent (b) assented
(c) approved (d) argued
(e) accorded
30. The politicalof the 1980s and 90s resulted in a civil war.
(a) accord (b) discord
(c) contentment (d) discretion
(e) descent
31. The president hasto the demands to release secret documents related to the army.
(a) acceded (b) refused
(c) endorsed (d) vetoed
(e) incited
32. The leading newspaper has revealed that the P.M. hadin the secret decision to sell arms to the dictator.
(a) countenance (b) acquiesced
(c) forewarned (d) accede
(e) espionaged
33. The King hasto a proposal to enhance the powers of the council of ministers.
(a) coincided (b) allied
(c) assented (d) opined
(e) identified
34. The disciplinary committee hasthe use of detention after classes as a punishment for bad behaviour.
(a) extended (b) authorised
(c) clamped (d) embargo
(e) intended

35. The judgethe use of capital punishment for serious crimes.
 (a) franchised (b) endorse
 (c) agreed (d) condoned
 (e) endured
36. The committee was in favour of the proposal but the presidentit.
 (a) vetoed (b) countenance
 (c) sanctioned (d) condoned
 (e) assented
37. The cabinet hasa proposal to change the way private educational institutions are funded and managed.
 (a) acceded (b) actualize
 (c) endorsed (d) approve
 (e) franchised
38. The generals from the opposing armies declared a/an
 (a) armistice (b) treaty
 (c) truce (d) accord
 (e) summit
39. The two sides in the civil war signed a peace
 (a) truce (b) accord
 (c) alibi (d) pretext
 (e) review
40. Tony offered his most heartfeltfor having offended everyone.
 (a) sorry (b) pardon
 (c) excuse (d) apology
 (e) application
41. Wearing a safety helmet isin this area.
 (a) obligatory (b) option
 (c) compulsion (d) resolved
 (e) contented
42. Some courses are optional but Maths and English are
 (a) compulsion (b) compulsory
 (c) essential (d) referential
 (e) important
43. Jess caused her parents a lot ofwhen she was a teenager.
 (a) problem (b) yearning
 (c) anxiety (d) vex
 (e) compulsion
44. In allHursh will get the job.
 (a) likelihood (b) odds
 (c) options (d) candidates
 (e) evens
45. At first there were somewith the software, but it's okay now.
 (a) pitfalls (b) impediments
 (c) ordeal (d) snags
46. The onlywith the proposal is that it is a little expensive.
 (a) glitch (b) blunder
 (c) hardship (d) dilemma
 (e) snag
47. To use a sporting, middle age is like half-time at a hockey match.
 (a) device (b) analogy
 (c) antonym (d) synonym
 (e) acronym
48. Jaya knew that to apologise would beto admitting she had failed.
 (a) equate (b) assumed
 (c) tantamount (d) abrogate
 (e) about
49. Mr. Sharma's shop wasfrom all the others in the street.
 (a) indistinguishable (b) inalienable
 (c) akin (d) disreputable
 (e) impregnable
50. There are severalcategories of nouns in the English language.
 (a) various (b) disparate
 (c) discrete (d) divergent
 (e) types

ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1

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| 1. abdicated | 2. abolished | 3. abandoned |
| 4. abated | 5. rebates | 6. able |
| 7. capable | 8. capacious | 9. abbreviation |
| 10. abridged | 11. about | 12. above |
| 13. banished | 14. exile | 15. bared |
| 16. bear | 17. battle | 18. war |
| 19. barter | 20. sale | |

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Exercise 2

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|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. bend | 2. bow | 3. captured |
| 4. captivated | 5. fascinating | 6. character |
| 7. conduct | 8. select | 9. elect |
| 10. calamity | 11. tragedy | 12. catastrophe |
| 13. cautious | 14. careful | 15. dainty |
| 16. delicate | 17. delicious | 18. decimated |
| 19. destroy | 20. deduced | |

Exercise 3

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|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. reduce | 2. deferred | 3. differs |
| 4. decrease | 5. diminishes | 6. eagerly |
| 7. curious | 8. anxious | 9. effective |
| 10. efficacious | 11. efficient | 12. effectual |
| 13. elder | 14. older | 15. bail |
| 16. guarantee | 17. ballad | 18. ballet |
| 19. absolute | | |

Exercise 4

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|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. obsolete | 2. quite | 3. quiet |
| 4. accepted | 5. agreed | 6. accident |
| 7. incident | 8. acclaimed | 9. applauded |
| 10. accumulate | 11. amassing | 12. gathers |
| 13. achievement | 14. attaining | 15. accomplished |

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| 16. acquaintances | 17. familiarity | 18. acquitted |
| 19. discharged | 20. factual | |

Exercise 5

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|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. action | 2. auction | 3. actuate |
| 4. accentuate | 5. bend | 6. bow |
| 7. bough | 8. benefactor | 9. benefits |
| 10. adjoining | 11. adjourned | 12. postponed |
| 13. Beneficiaries | 14. Diffused | 15. Defusing |
| 16. congenital | 17. congenial | 18. intrusive |
| 19. pestilent | 20. urge | |

Exercise 6

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| 1. (c) | 2. (b) | 3. (a) | 4. (c) | 5. (b) |
| 6. (a) | 7. (c) | 8. (b) | 9. (b) | 10. (d) |
| 11. (d) | 12. (b) | 13. (c) | 14. (a) | 15. (c) |
| 16. (b) | 17. (c) | 18. (c) | 19. (b) | 20. (d) |
| 21. (d) | 22. (a) | 23. (c) | 24. (d) | 25. (a) |
| 26. (b) | 27. (a) | 28. (b) | 29. (c) | 30. (b) |
| 31. (a) | 32. (b) | 33. (c) | 34. (b) | 35. (d) |
| 36. (a) | 37. (c) | 38. (a) | 39. (b) | 40. (d) |
| 41. (a) | 42. (b) | 43. (c) | 44. (a) | 45. (d) |
| 46. (a) | 47. (b) | 48. (c) | 49. (a) | 50. (c) |