

The questions under this section are very similar to those on sentence Correction, the only difference being that here a short passage is given in which certain words or phrases are italicised and are required to be improved by substituting them with one of the alternatives given.

PRACTICE SET

Directions : In the following passage, there are words/groups of words printed in italics, each of which was been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four words/group of words are suggested which can substitute the word printed in italics. Find out the choice which can correctly substitute that word. If the word/group of words is correct as it is and no correction is required, give 'No correction required' as your answer.

Passage 1 (Bank P.O. 1994)

What looks very much like genocide has been (1) taking place in Rwanda. People are pulled on (2) cars and buses, ordered to defer (3) their identity papers and then killed on the spot until (4) they belong to the wrong ethnic group. Thousands of bodies have already given (5) up, and the peace (6) continues despite the present (7) of 1700 United Nations peace keepers.

1. (a) would be (b) were not
(c) has never been (d) will be
(e) No correction required
2. (a) within (b) from
(c) out (d) to
(e) No correction required
3. (a) forget (b) dissolve
(c) show (d) stand
(e) No correction required
4. (a) why (b) then
(c) again (d) if
(e) No correction required
5. (a) piled (b) gone
(c) stood (d) woken
(e) No correction required
6. (a) future (b) understanding
(c) life (d) killing
(e) No correction required
7. (a) presence (b) followers
(c) presenting (d) recurrence
(e) No correction required

Passage 2

National integration is, therefore, the need of the hour. India had already suffered (3) centuries of servitude and enslavement. Perhaps India is the only country in the world, which has suffered foreign rule of (9) more than seven hundred and fifty years. The internal dissensions among the Rajput kings and princes allowed the Muslim rulers (10) to establish their foothold in India, which was prolonged (11) as long as five centuries.

Then there was once again a time when destiny gave India a chance to be united. But the British ingenuously succeeded in creating a rift (12) between different kings and established their sway which was discarded (13) only when the different links of Indian nationhood were joined together again by Indian leaders of unparalleled political skill (14), who were not creations of history but creators of history. They had realised that India's sorrow had risen (15) from disunity. The mighty efforts of these leaders succeeded and India achieved independence, but India's heart had been (16) vivisected in the creation of Pakistan.

8. (a) has already suffered
(b) has had already suffered
(c) had already been suffering
(d) suffered already
(e) No correction required
9. (a) from (b) since
(c) for (d) over
(e) No correction required
10. (a) plunderers (b) intruders
(c) invaders (d) attackers
(e) No correction required
11. (a) prolonged to (b) prolonged for
(c) prolonged over (d) prolonged upto
(e) No correction required
12. (a) gap (b) differences
(c) barrier (d) hindrance
(e) No correction required
13. (a) abolished (b) overthrown
(c) overruled (d) prohibited
(e) No correction required
14. (a) aptitude (b) tact
(c) acumen (d) attitude
(e) No correction required
15. (a) developed (b) originated
(c) arose (d) fructified
(e) No correction required
16. (a) was being (b) had
(c) has had (d) was
(e) No correction required

Passage 3

Health is priceless wealth. It is (17) said so because ordinary lost wealth may (18) be regained but the health once lost cannot be recouped (19). A sound mind rests in (20) a healthy body.

17. (a) was (b) is being
(c) has been (d) No correction required
18. (a) can (b) might
(c) would (d) No correction required
19. (a) revived (b) replenished
(c) compensated
(d) No correction required
20. (a) with (b) within
(c) inside (d) No correction required

Passage 4

Our body is a wondrous mechanism and when revealed (21) to unusual stress over a spell (22) of time, it adapts itself to deal more effectively with that stress. So, if (23) you exert your muscles to (24) resistance, they are forced to adapt and deal with this extraordinary workload. Strands of muscle fibres become thicker and stronger in response to the demands placed over (25) them.

21. (a) exposed (b) put (c) rendered
(d) subjected (e) No correction required
22. (a) duration (b) period (c) lapse
(d) interval (e) No correction required
23. (a) while (b) as (c) since
(d) when (e) No correction required
24. (a) against (b) towards (c) upon
(d) for (e) No correction required
25. (a) on (b) over (c) to
(d) for (e) No correction required

Passage 5

If more people could travel (26) both inside and outside the country - there would be a splendid (27) increase in knowledge and understanding of their neighbours. Because people remain stationary (28) in their areas, in which they are born, they tend to look to (29) those in (30) other states as foreigners and obstruct the development (31) of national integration.

26. (a) will travel (b) shall be travelling

- (c) travel (d) No change
27. (a) immense (b) tremendous
(c) exciting (d) No change
28. (a) static (b) immobile
(c) passive (d) No change
29. (a) look upon (b) look on
(c) look down (d) No change
30. (a) of (b) from
(c) on (d) No change
31. (a) advancement (b) progress
(c) promotion (d) No change

Passage 6

Nehru was a humanist in the way (32) that he thought primarily for (33) human beings, their difficulties, worries and anxieties, beyond (34) Parliament, administration and all the trappings of civilisation. He had power, immense power, but that would not (35) diminish the interest he took in ordinary people, particularly children, and in human relationships.

32. (a) manner (b) sense (c) style
(d) pretext (e) No correction required
33. (a) about (b) over (c) on
(d) of (e) No correction required
34. (a) above (b) over (c) upon
(d) beyond (e) No correction required
35. (a) did not (b) could not (c) won't
(d) should not (e) No correction required

Passage 7

Since you have never had to pester (36) me for anything, perhaps you wouldn't be averse to (37) sticking to me now that I have run under (38) debt, and realising (39) these people, that it is by (40) no way a reflection on my character.

36. (a) assert (b) approach
(c) reproach (d) No change
37. (a) desirous of (b) indifferent to
(c) deprived of (d) No change
38. (a) run in (b) run on
(c) run into (d) No change
39. (a) informing (b) convincing
(c) alluding (d) No change
40. (a) in (b) to
(c) for (d) No change

ANSWERS

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