



Practice Test-6

Number of questions: 30

Time Allowed: 30 mins.

Directions for questions 1 to 10: 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.

Even in a world where high seas are common, the news that a group of Kiwi ...1... is planning to hold the world's highest ...2... party on the peak of Argentina's 7,000 metres high Mount Aconcagua could ...3... an eyebrow or two. In the context of the recent economic ...4... in Argentina and the riots which swept out more than one head of state from power, there are those who might quip that the safest place to have a ...5... three-course meal complete with tablecloth, cutlery, wine and freeze-dried food is at the highest point in the Andes since the 'agitating descamidos' (Evita Peron's phrase for the shirtless peasants) would find it a bit too cold to ...6... . The Kiwi group is, of course, ...7... not so much on the current socio-politico-economic developments in Argentina as on breaking the record set by their rivals from Down Under, the Australia Social Climbers having dined and wined on the peak of Peru's 6,768 metres high Mount Huascaran. One table and six chairs will be ...8... the Kiwi climbers to the top of Mount Aconcagua. The five male mountaineers will be wearing tuxedos under their ...9... of woolly clothing while the ...10... female will be decked in a size-20 dress big enough to fit over both her size-12 frame and the bulky mountaineering outfit. The dinner date is for early February and the team is all set to leave for South America.

1. (a) helpers (b) coolies
(c) designers (d) climbers
2. (a) lime (b) refreshments
(c) snack (d) dinner
3. (a) rose (b) praise
(c) raise (d) lower
4. (a) crisis (b) ferry
(c) lull (d) room
5. (a) formal (b) casual
(c) orgy (d) bash
6. (a) buy (b) share
(c) welcome (d) gatecrash
7. (a) focused (b) peered
(c) lose (d) blurred

8. (a) lugged (b) carried
(c) flown (d) accompanying
9. (a) rolls (b) designed
(c) sweaters (d) swathes
10. (a) rich (b) solitary
(c) lonely (d) pretty

Directions for questions 11 to 15: Complete the following sentences with the appropriate choice from among the given alternatives.

11. This one is a _____ hit.
(a) universe (b) uno
(c) numero (d) universal
12. _____, India was the first country to air the ad early this month.
(a) Incidence (b) Incidentally
(c) Insidiously (d) Incidentally
13. Suddenly a collision of Sumo wrestlers _____ the team and challenges them to play a game of football.
(a) approach (b) beats
(c) tackle (d) approaches
14. It was a very _____ logistic exercise.
(a) complete (b) opening
(c) frontal (d) complex
15. That perhaps _____ the cost of producing this mega-budget commercial.
(a) justify (b) just
(c) match (d) justifies

Directions for questions 16 to 20: Identify the part of the sentence that contains a grammatical or spelling error. Mark that part as your answer.

16. He is in the midst of intense negotiations.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
17. Hollywood's antipathy for big business
(a) (b)
may seems strange.
(c) (d)
18. Good marketing consists of give people
(a) (b)
what they want.
(c) (d)

19. Public sentiment has a way of

- (a) (b) (c)

swinging dramatical.

(d)

20. The American legal system reflect the

- (a) (b)

nation's cultural mistrust of big business.

(c) (d)

Directions for questions 21 to 25: Complete the following sentences with the appropriate choice from among the given alternatives.

21. Successful companies have been forced to break up because they were perceived as _____ to consumer interest.

- (a) good (b) benevolent
(c) detrimental (d) rusty

22. Compelling sagas need a _____, positive character.

- (a) weak (b) imperial
(c) moron (d) strong

23. Michael Douglas could probably _____ through the part and still churn out an award-winning performance.

- (a) act (b) brave
(c) essay (d) sleep-walk

24. May they never have to wake up one day, as thousands of Enron employees did, to find that the lines that _____ art and life have vanished overnight.

- (a) draw (b) sketch
(c) cartoon (d) demarcate

25. We cannot sleep well during the night, _____ someone may enter the house.

- (a) happy (b) satisfied
(c) free (d) fearing

Directions for questions 26 to 30: Each of the following questions contains a sentence that is broken up into five parts. Rearrange the parts so as to make a meaningful sentence.

26. A. our delegation took off

B. on January 26, 2002, on a

C. visit to South Africa, Nigeria

D. and our last stop was Senegal

E. before returning home

(a) ABCDE (b) BADCE

(c) ABDEC (d) EABCD

27. A. though their long walk

B. to freedom rid them of

C. whose dreams have to be translated to reality

D. apartheid, they were aware that

E. there still remained a section

(a) ABCDE (b) BADCE

(c) ABDEC (d) EABCD

28. A. sense

B. in some

C. order

D. the old

E. continues

(a) ABCDE (b) BADCE

(c) ABDEC (d) EABCD

29. A. rate is

B. the unemployment

C. rising and

D. the expectations

E. so are

(a) ABCDE (b) BADCE

(c) ABDEC (d) BACED

30. A. the evening is

B. a venture in itself

C. undertaken hesitantly for

D. fear of being robbed

E. a walk in

(a) ABCDE (b) BADCE

(c) ABDEC (d) EABCD



Answer Key

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



Explanations

1. d The passage is about mountaineering. So, 'climbers' is the most appropriate word to be used.
2. d The passage, in the later lines, talks about dining at the mountain heights.
3. c The sentence is about disbelief shown by the gesture of raising an eyebrow.
4. a The 'economic crisis' led to the revolt/riots.
5. a It is a 'formal' three-course dinner with all courtesies observed.
6. d 'gatecrash', which means to arrive uninvited or to interrupt is the correct answer.
7. a The focus is on breaking the record and not on the revolution.
8. d The table set would go along with the climbers for the dinner. Hence, 'accompanying' is with the climbers the correct option.
9. d The mountaineers are wrapped and covered in layers of woolly clothing. Thus, we use the word 'swathes'.
10. b There is only one female, hence use 'solitary'.
11. d A 'universal' hit is a hit anywhere in the world.
12. d 'Incidentally' means as a matter of coincidence. Rest of the options are either misspelt or logically incorrect.
13. d 'approaches' and 'challenges' have the right parallel structure.
14. d 'complex' means that it was tough to handle.
15. d 'justifies', which means to prove right or just is the correct answer.
16. c 'midst' is the right use, meaning *in the middle of*.
17. c Use 'seem' (singular verb) with 'hollywood' (singular subject).
18. b The word 'giving' should be used here and not 'give'.
19. d 'dramatically' is the right adverb to be used here.
20. c Use singular verb 'reflects' for the singular noun 'system'.
21. c 'detrimental' brings out the reason why the companies have been forced to break up.
22. d 'strong' goes with 'positive'.
23. d 'sleep-walk' indicates that Michael Douglas can put in a performance without trying too hard and still be the best.
24. d 'demarcate' means to draw a line that separates movies and real life.
25. d They cannot sleep because they are afraid. Hence, 'fearing' is used.
26. a A is the opening sentence which states that the delegates took off. This is followed by the pair 'BC', which states when and where they went. Hence, the correct sequence is 'ABCDE'.
27. c 'AB' is a mandatory pair as the pronouns 'their' and 'them' used in these sentences refer to the same persons. B states that *they* could get rid of something and D states what exactly they could get rid of (apartheid). Hence, 'ABD' is a mandatory sequence. Note that this sequence can be found only in option (c). Hence, this is the correct option.
28. b B definitely follows A in order to complete a logically correct phrase i.e. *in some sense*. The correct sentence is 'In some sense the old order continues'.
29. d C follows A in order to complete the verb form i.e. *is rising*. The correct sequence is 'BACED'.
30. d 'EA' is the opening mandatory pair as it gives us the subject of the sentence i.e. 'a walk in the evening'. This leaves us with only one possible option, which is option (d).