

Word Frequency questions have a set of four sentences, each having a blank. Each of these sets is succeeded by four words. You have to find out the maximum number of sentences in which any one of the four given words fits. Use this number to mark your answer.

If any of the four words fits into all four sentences, your answer shall be (4).

If a word fits only into three sentences (and if that is the highest frequency in comparison to all the other words) your answer shall be (3) and so on.

Let us consider an example first. This is a reproduced CAT question.

- (I) The mediator helped reach a/an ____ agreement.
 (II) The structure of most animals and insects exhibits ____ symmetry.
 (III) The two countries signed a ____ cultural exchange pact. (TV) Due to the disqualification of one of the three candidates, the election was reduced to a ____ contest.
 (1) Amicable (2) Bilateral (3) Historical (4) Multilateral

Here, your answer would be (2). This is because the word 'bilateral' fits into all the four blanks. The word 'amicable' fits the blank in sentences (I) and (II) only, while the word 'multilateral' can fit only sentence (I).

Practice Exercise -1

Directions for (Que. 1 - 30): Read the information carefully and answer the questions given below it.

Each of the following questions has a set of four sentences, each containing a blank.

Each set is followed by four words. Find out the maximum number of times that any of the words fits each set.

Use this number to indicate your answer.

For example, if any one of the words fits into all four sentences, your answer will be (4). However,

if it fits only into three sentences (and that is also the highest frequency for any of the four words)

your answer will be 3 and so on.

- (I) This pole, erected for its aesthetic appeal, has turned into a popular ...for birds.
 (II) I did not expect that old cupboard to... such a fancy price at the auction.
 (III) The... was rusty and creaked whenever the door was closed or opened.
 (IV) The dog was trained to... the newspaper every morning.
 (1) hinge (2) perch (3) bring (4) fetch (5) branch
- (I) The ... adjourned all business for the day as a mark of respect for the departed leader.
 (II) For several centuries before it was proved that the earth was round, scientists believed that the earth was ...
 (III) What is referred to as an apartment in America, is called a... in England.

- (IV) Driving on a(n)... road is easier than driving on an uneven one.
 (1) even (2) flat (3) house (4) oral (5) court
3. (I) The troops were ordered to... the forests to locate the deserter.
 (II) Since the heavy duty equipment failed, the stones had to be moved by..... means
 (III) The PM had to... to popular pressure in the face of documented evidence.
 (IV) This... explains how to assemble, use and maintain the system.
 (1) physical (2) comb (3) bow (4) manual (5) shatter
4. (I) It is important that your concentration should not... particularly in the reading comprehension section.
 (II) We tried t... down several passing cars in the hope of getting a lift.
 (III) Showing disrespect to the national... is an act to treason.
 (IV) The hurricane was on the... when we entered the city limits.
 (1) wane (2) flag (3) wave (4) emblem (5) fouls
5. (I) The leaning tower or Pisa is a(n)... structure.
 (II) Of the two living dodos, one died and made the other...
 (III) Tigers are protected in order to prevent them from becoming...
 (IV) The... details of his escapade were very interesting.
 (1) extinct (2) unique (3) rare (4) astounding (5) scarce
6. (I) The first day's play was washed out due to inclement...
 (II) After the accident, his thinking has become very...
 (III) His success has not come easily, he has had to... many a storm in his career.
 (IV) Because of the incessant... we could not go out.
 (1) rain (2) cloudy (3) weather (4) turmoil (5) face
7. (I) When the effect of the painkiller wore off, he was racked by... pain.
 (II) In any right angled triangle, at least two of the angles are...
 (III) The philanthropist was moved by the ... poverty he saw around him.
 (IV) The lawyer's commitment was... and unqualified.
 (1) total (2) prevalent (3) complete (4) acute (5) wretched
8. (I) His... in the subject stood him in good stead.
 (II) A mere... to do well will not do; it must be backed by will power and hard work.
 (III) In driving a car, you have to change gears to negotiate a/an ...
 (IV) The RBI has decreased lending ... rates by 2%,
 (1) interest (2) inclination (3) support (4) curve (5) hobby
9. (I) Why should he apologise? He has not... any mistake.
 (II) He has risen to the top only because he has been ... to his profession.
 (III) Since the supply situation is unclear, I hope you have not... any dates to the client.
 (IV) Sharma's... was there for all to see; she worked beyond the call of duty.
 (1) diligence (2) capacity (3) committed (4) confirmed (5) hard work
10. (I) Because of the transporter's strike and the consequent delay in material supply, Harsha's work schedule was way off the
 (II)... my words; this boy is destined for greatness.

- (III) This single failure continues to be the only... on his impeccable resume.
 (IV) Manners are the... of a gentleman.
 (1) 37mark (2) stain (3) blot (4) impression (5) mark
11. (I) When the machinery in the... broke down, the production manager was summoned immediately.
 (II) This... is a rare one because it does not produce either flowers or seeds.
 (III) This puzzle requires more than three hours to put the ... together.
 (IV) The teacher must... the idea of lateral thinking in her student
 (1) parts (2) unit (3) encourage (4) plant (5) plan
12. (I) Because of the wide spread protests the government was forced to ... the law.
 (II) In the bilateral contest, one contestant polled 29% of the votes, giving the other an ... majority.
 (III) This countryside... with natural minerals.
 (IV) In relative terms, your salary may not be much, but in... terms, Rs.2,00,000 per month is a sizeable amount.
 (1) rescind (2) abounds (3) absolute (4) financial (5) economic
13. (I) When Rip Van Winkle woke up, the world around him ... no resemblance to the one he had known.
 (II) This gun is a Smith and Wesson with a 0.38 ...
 (III) We avoided Ram in the office because he was such a...
 (IV) The tidal wave... down on the ship with relentless fury.
 (1) barrel (2) bore (3) crashed (4) tear (5) fear
14. (I) His insightful... on juvenile rehabilitation has become the foundation for several laws.
 (II) No sooner did he hear the gun's ... than he collapsed.
 (III) The value of this... is inestimable.
 (IV) The company's ... into software exports has proved profitable.
 (1) essay (2) report (3) article (4) study (5) lecture
15. (I) In this era of liberation, one popular, request from local entrepreneurs is for a level playing... .
 (II) Some of the greatest scientist have had little formal training in their...
 (III) The scandal-ridden Pakistan team had to... one of its weakest teams in recent years.
 (IV) In the absence of insightful reporters, the senators had a... day at the press conference.
 (1) ground (2) field (3) area (4) enter (5) zone
16. (I) Without the... that normally surrounded him, the musician was simple human being with his own share of weaknesses and eccentricities. :
 (II) It is amazing that the... on the vase remained even after centuries.
 (III) This text is tautological and you can grasp its meaning even if you... over it.
 (IV) The assassin was hard to trace because of the... that surrounded him.
 (1) gloss (2) glaze (3) web (4) skim (5) anomaly
17. (I) The miner used his... to open up the tunnel.

- (II) Prince William had to ... at the vines to get to the castle.
 (III) This horse is a ... and cannot be used for racing purposes.
 (IV) The brick maker took the dried bricks out of the... and put them on the truck.
 (1) pick (2) hack (3) thoroughbred (4) chop (5) tool
- 18.** (I) The... that we normally talk about in a pencil is actually graphite.
 (II) Sherlock Homes is known for his ability to follow even a simple... to unravel a complex problem.
 (III) General Mac Arthur is a man who... by example.
 (IV) It is always a difficult task for the... speaker in a debate.
 (1) clue (2) first (3) lead (s) (4) principle (5) mint
- 19.** (I) As the best lawyer specializing in air disaster cases, he was without ...
 (II) During adolescence... pressure plays a major role in molding the value system.
 (III) A... resembles an apple, though it is different in taste.
 (IV) Sam asked Anitha to... out of the window and see if the guests had arrived.
 (1) social (2) peer (3) look (4) equal (5) competition
- 20.** (I) This is not a matrix because it has several columns but only one...
 (II) The sergeant ordered the cadets to stand in single... at shoulder lengths.
 (III) The... containing the papers on the merger was lost in transit.
 (IV) The mechanic is looking for a... to even out the rough surface.
 (1) row (2) order (3) file (4) hammer (5) arrow
- 21.** (I) Because of the strong winds, the cargo in the ship moved unevenly and caused the ship to ...
 (II) This Ayurvedic drug is popular for its ability to... asthmatic disorders. ;
 (III) Despite the trainer's best efforts, the dog would not come to... ;
 (IV) The new pair of socks was small and would not fit ,at the... .
 (1) tilt (2) heel (3) foot (4) alleviate (5) fell
- 22.** (I) The annual boat race is in the month after April, that is in....
 (II) The rate of interests works out to a/an ... 8% of given the highest rate of 10% and the lowest pf 6%.
 (III) His academic record is no ... of his intellectual caliber.
 (IV) Not helping his friend who was indisposed, was a ... act.
 (1) average (2) may (3) measure (4) mean (5) meager
- 23.** (I) The ... on the newly asphalted road had not dried and stuck to the wheels of our car.
 (II) The diva's voice surprisingly cracked when she moved into the song at a high ...
 (III) The cricket match had to be called off because the vandals had damaged the ...
 (IV) The advertising agency spent many days in developing its ... for the new business.
 (1) pitch (2) proposal (3) level (4) tar (5) sand
- 24.** (I) The ... has come to be synonymous with the psychiatrist's profession.
 (II) Despite his age, Raman had a(n)... posture.
 (III) During the last year, the government has sanctioned Rs. 1,000 to... new structures.
 (IV) The committee has taken steps to... charges of misconduct and bias.
 (1) avoid (2) erect (3) renovate (4) couch (5) slant

25. (I) Frazier was out for the... and lost the match by K.O. to Muhammed Ali.
 (II) While coarse yams are not widely exported, yams of finer... are very much in demand.
 (III) Dracula was, in terms of social hierarchy, a ...
 (IV) To pass the bill in the assembly, the ruling party had to ,.. on the support of at least 10 opposition members.
 (1) depend (2) vampire (3) count (4) grade (5) grade
26. (I) Trade in waste metal or... is carried out through a well organized network,
 (II) Following wide spread copying and paper leakage, the board decided to ... the test.
 (III) Tilak is a belligerent person and picks up a ... with almost everyone he meets.
 (IV) The child cut out the picture of the dinosaur for the use in his ... book.
 (1) scrap (2) perch (3) bring (4) fetch (5) give
27. (I) Dr. Shekar is our... representative in Bangalore.
 (II) Most dental treatment calls for only... anesthesia.
 (III) Once the foreigners left, only the... people remained.
 (IV) The invaders wrested...
 (1) area (2) local (3) primary (4) control (5) official
28. (I) She was a key... for the prosecution.
 (II) You should not... a book by its cover.
 (III) Thousand of people gathered to... fireworks display.
 (IV) Because he was personally involved, the lawyer could not take up the...
 (1) case (2) judge (3) witness (4) court (5) link
29. (I) You must ...more time if you want to make a considered decision.
 (II) Batsmen wearing rubber soles get little ...when running on the pitch.
 (III) She want to the market to... some grocery.
 (IV)The..., department in an organization is normally responsible for vendor development.
 (1) buy (2) purchase (3) finance (4) grip (5) spend
30. (I) A...is an accepted of male office wear.
 (II) Of the two living dodos, one died and made the other...
 (III) A sailor's knot is one of the most difficult knots to...
 (IV)"... your gun from its holster", Adams said.
 (1) draw (2) bow (3) shirt (4) tie (5) remove

Answer Key :

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