**18PDM101L - General Aptitude**

**Semester 2**

**Units**

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|  | House prices have **plummeted** in this area. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Fall | B. | Increase | C. | Shoot | D. | Grow |
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|  | I'm not trying to **denigrate** your work, just pointing out ways you could work more efficiently. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Depreciate | B. | Eulogize | C. | Exalt | D. | Laud |
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|  | Jake’s **pernicious** behavior is going to put him in the hospital one of these days. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | noxious | B. | illicit | C. | open | D. | undecided |
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|  | Mercy killings are less **culpable** than ‘ordinary’ murders | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | acquitted | B. | generated | C. | superficial | D. | guilty |
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|  | Pot smoke lends a **piquant** tinge to the smell of fetid sweat. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Foul | B. | Aromatic | C. | Hazardous | D. | Uninvited |
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|  | He was not only without political or military capacity, but was so **garrulous** that he could not keep a secret. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | loquacious | B. | reticent | C. | taciturn | D. | banal |
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|  | He was noted for his **austerity** and his authoritarianism. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | generosity | B. | benevolence | C. | responsibility | D. | severity |
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|  | I don’t want to be **reticent** about my true view about the existing political scenario. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Frank | B. | Reserved | C. | Unconcealed | D. | Furious |
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|  | In the ring, the wrestler appeared dangerous, but in reality, he was **innocuous**. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | injurious | B. | noxious | C. | pernicious | D. | inoffensive |
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|  | It is the **plasticity**, which is the natural gift of childhood. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Stubborn | B. | Flexibility | C. | Inflexibility | D. | Firmness |
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|  | It's a **capacious** office building. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | haunted | B. | outdated | C. | spacious | D. | compact |
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|  | My personal opinion isn’t **germane** to our discussion of the facts of the case. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Irrelevant | B. | Pointless | C. | Applicable | D. | Extraneous |
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|  | One must show great **resolution** in times of difficulty in completing a noble task. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Aversion | B. | Determination | C. | Defense | D. | Irritation |
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|  | Our behavior must be **equipoised** between grief and glee. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | equal | B. | positioned | C. | balanced | D. | good |
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|  | Picasso is considered as a great **connoisseur** with respect to painting. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Explosive | B. | Experiment | C. | Exporter | D. | Expert |
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|  | Ravi’s **intransigence** is the cause of his father’s anger. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Chutzpah | B. | Shibboleth | C. | Tenacity | D. | Arcane |
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|  | She accepted her offer with **alacrity.** | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | dullness | B. | enthusiasm | C. | credibility | D. | apathy |
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|  | He went about his illegal business with a **brazen** assurance. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | cowardice | B. | dauntless | C. | confident | D. | opaque |
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|  | Her lifelong **frugality** has enabled her to save enough money to go to college next year. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Parsimony | B. | Extravagance | C. | Wastefulness | D. | Lavishness |
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|  | His boss suspected him to be a **malingerer** because of his frequent absence from work. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Dodger | B. | jingoist | C. | forerunner | D. | malcontent |
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|  | It is a critic’s job to follow every **ephemeral** fashion. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Eternal | B. | Perennial | C. | Perpetual | D. | Evanescent |
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|  | Judges are getting sick of people bringing **frivolous** lawsuits. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Significant | B. | Fragile | C. | Trivial | D. | Sturdy |
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|  | Mona Lisa's **enigmatic** smile has enraptured many minds for several years. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Displeasing | B. | Puzzling | C. | Learned | D. | Short-sighted |
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|  | **Neophytes** are assigned an experienced church member to guide them through their first year. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Veterans | B. | Professionals | C. | abecedarians | D. | Experts |
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|  | One should not **impinge** on the rights of others. | | | | | | | |
| A. | encroach | B. | interfere | C. | meddle | D. | annoy |



Synonyms in Isolation

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1. | **Ecumenical** | A. | military | B. | general | C. | orthodox | D. | philosophical |
| 2. | **Escarpment** | A. | warning | B. | cliff | C. | campsite | D. | tomb |
| 3. | **Friable** | A. | Changeable | B. | Easily done | C. | Easily crumbled | D. | Flawed |
| 4. | **Grandiloquence** | A. | respect | B. | pompousness | C. | denial | D. | solemnity |
| 5. | **Hegemony** | A. | Domination | B. | Materialism | C. | Subordination | D. | Booty |
| 6. | **Durance** | A. | penance | B. | imprisonment | C. | strength | D. | toughness |
| 7. | **Encumbrance** | A. | Disturbance | B. | Burden | C. | Distraction | D. | Hindrance |
| 8. | **Expedite** | A. | refuse | B. | prevent | C. | avoid | D. | hasten |
| 9. | **Flaunt** | A. | conceal | B. | parade | C. | trust | D. | fray |
| 10. | **Grapple** | A. | struggle | B. | trap | C. | laugh | D. | intend |
| 11. | **Impetuous** | A. | strange | B. | hasty | C. | careful | D. | perfect |
| 12. | **Discredit** | A. | Censure | B. | Applause | C. | Approbation | D. | Advocacy |
| 13. | **Dissemble** | A. | Divulge | B. | Disclose | C. | Connive | D. | Camouflage |
| 14. | **Drudgery** | A. | silliness | B. | labor | C. | evil | D. | investigation |
| 15. | **Emaciated** | A. | very tall | B. | sleepy | C. | Very thin | D. | Very aged |
| 16. | **Enervate** | A. | Debilitate | B. | Vitalize | C. | Animate | D. | Encroach |
| 17. | **Estrange** | A. | endanger | B. | to become puzzling | C. | miscalculate | D. | alienate |
| 18. | **Eulogy** | A. | Obliquity | B. | Guise | C. | Angelology | D. | Compliment |
| 19. | **Exponent** | A. | meddler | B. | cancel | C. | advocate | D. | horrid |
| 20. | **Extirpate** | A. | prevent | B. | extricate | C. | exaggerate | D. | eradicate |
| 21. | **Felicitous** | A. | Propitious | B. | Solicitous | C. | Fastidious | D. | Innocuous |
| 22. | **Flare** | A. | judicial | B. | temper | C. | style | D. | blaze |
| 23. | **Formidable** | A. | Menacing | B. | Encouraging | C. | Creative | D. | Enhancing |
| 24. | **Gamut** | A. | Narrow | B. | Style | C. | Entire range | D. | Need |
| 25. | **Gouge** | A. | Regale | B. | Glower | C. | Swindle | D. | Rouge |

Antonyms in Context

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|  | If his words are not enough, the evidence will **corroborate** his claim. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Refute | B. | Buttress | C. | Substantiate | D. | Authenticate |
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|  | In the interest of one's own reputation one should avoid **ostentation** while entertaining friends. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Miserliness | B. | simplicity | C. | purity | D. | innocence |
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|  | It was evident that the manager was flattering – from his **obsequious** manner in receiving his boss. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | pleasing | B. | loyal | C. | assertive | D. | disciplined |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | It is time for you to leave the house—she will **smother** you if you remain. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | dampen | B. | spread | C. | release | D. | inundate |
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|  | John **excoriated** his children so much that they grew up diffidently. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Chastised | B. | Castigated | C. | Complimented | D. | Condemned |
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|  | Many people suffer setbacks in their career because of their inherent **levity.** | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | seriousness | B. | solemnity | C. | religiosity | D. | Gravity |
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|  | One might appear **gaunt** after not eating for a long period of time. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | lanky | B. | lithe | C. | brawny | D. | Rangy |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ramesh is a **fickle** person who keeps changing his jobs frequently. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | horizontal | B. | litigious | C. | constant | D. | Lowly |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ritu overcame her natural **diffidence** and spoke with great thankfulness. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Reticence | B. | Brashness | C. | Malcontent | D. | Intractable |
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|  | His reckless driving showed a **wanton** disregard for the safety of others | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | lustful | B. | profligate | C. | righteous | D. | Wayward |
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|  | Huge fines were imposed for **trivial** offences. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | abjure | B. | solicit | C. | beseech | D. | Appeal |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | I had to answer a panel of **erudite** people for my Ph.D. viva voce. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Unscholarly | B. | Swathe | C. | Mire | D. | Perpetuate |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | I do not intend to see my dues gambled away by your **wastrel** of a son. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | tramp | B. | deadbeat | C. | hard worker | D. | Vagabond |
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|  | If you **suspect** a gas leak, do not turn on an electric light. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | trust | B. | reckon | C. | surmise | D. | Mistrust |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | In **retrospect**, it was a miracle none of us fainted. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | forethought | B. | hindsight | C. | reminiscence | D. | Remain |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | In that incident, an **anomaly** that has existed in the Service for decades has come to the fore. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Advance | B. | Norm | C. | Genuine | D. | Abnormality |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | In the face of fierce criticism, he **relinquished** his position. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Abandoned | B. | Retained | C. | Remained | D. | Renounced |
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|  | It is just one of those things that have baffled people for **piety**. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | profane | B. | sempiternity | C. | heathen | D. | blasphemous |
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|  | Journalism may be financially less paid. It does **satiate** one’s thirst for knowledge and adventure. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | deprive | B. | disappoint | C. | starve | D. | Satisfy |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Many are those, satiated with emptiness of the world, who seek to find a way out of the **impasse**. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | standoff | B. | combination | C. | continuation | D. | Deadlock |
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|  | Men were expected to be interested only in such **virile** activities as hunting. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | effeminate | B. | puissant | C. | gutsy | D. | Virtuous |
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|  | Most **utopian** ideas are considered romantic, since they are idealized and practically impossible to carry out fully. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | frivolous | B. | pensive | C. | earthy | D. | Tacit |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Oblivious** to her danger, Jessi's eyes dropped to her phone. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | noticeable | B. | conscious | C. | lively | D. | Clever |
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|  | Putting salt on an open wound **aggravates** the pain of the wound. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | vexes | B. | nourishes | C. | piques | D. | Allays |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Saurav **revamped** the short story so that it would fit better with the magazine. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | retain | B. | renovate | C. | amend | D. | reform |



Antonyms in Isolation

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| 1. | **Fraudulent** | A. | genuine | B. | dishonest | C. | direct | D. | candid |
| 2. | **Profane** | A. | wild | B. | energy | C. | kitten | D. | pious |
| 3. | **Authentic** | A. | fictitious | B. | veritable | C. | genuine | D. | reckless |
| 4. | **Ebullient** | A. | aggressive | B. | acrid | C. | unjust | D. | glum |
| 5. | **Startled** | A. | Amused | B. | Endless | C. | Astonished | D. | Relaxed |
| 6. | **Unearth** | A. | fling | B. | clean | C. | gnaw | D. | conceal |
| 7. | **Progressive** | A. | abhorrent | B. | retrograde | C. | obstructive | D. | regressive |
| 8. | **Holistic** | A. | negative | B. | impure | C. | piecemeal | D. | negative |
| 9. | **Elevation** | A. | negative | B. | depreciation | C. | deflation | D. | depression |
| 10. | **Carnal** | A. | freshly | B. | censure | C. | spiritual | D. | centrifugal |
| 11. | **Feud** | A. | Amity | B. | dispute | C. | quarrel | D. | corrupt |
| 12. | **Ardent** | A. | abstract | B. | apathetic | C. | enlarge | D. | anguish |
| 13. | **Radiant** | A. | refulgent | B. | beaming | C. | dismal | D. | ecstatic |
| 14. | **Dictator** | A. | elated | B. | democrat | C. | mournful | D. | jocund |
| 15. | **Diffident** | A. | generous | B. | limitation | C. | bold | D. | abate |
| 16. | **Culpable** | A. | Irresponsible | B. | Careless | C. | Defendable | D. | Blameless |
| 17. | **Enhance** | A. | Degrade | B. | Craven | C. | Scuff | D. | Latent |
| 18. | **Condone** | A. | Condemn | B. | Deride | C. | Infuriate | D. | Overlook |
| 19. | **Cynosure** | A. | Nobody | B. | Centre | C. | Guidance | D. | Counsel |
| 20. | **Dearth** | A. | Paucity | B. | Shortage | C. | Copious | D. | Famine |
| 21. | **Fervor** | A. | enthusiasm | B. | apathy | C. | zeal | D. | passion |
| 22. | **Fumble** | A. | do well | B. | botch | C. | grapple | D. | bungle |
| 23. | **Furious** | A. | cheerful | B. | wrathful | C. | frenzied | D. | rabid |
| 24. | **Felicitate** | A. | condemn | B. | commend | C. | compliment | D. | praise |
| 25. | **Fabricate** | A. | concoct | B. | contrive | C. | wreck | D. | devise |

Sentence Completion - Vocabulary Single Blank

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|  | To hide his insecurity, Barton often acted like a \_\_\_\_\_\_ so that he could make people laugh. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | buffoon | B. | martyr | C. | neophyte | D. | plebian | E. | wraith | |
|  | Not swayed by his student’s \_\_\_\_\_\_ flattery, the professor told him that his grade would not be changed. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | forlorn | B. | striated | C. | undulating | D. | unctuous | E. | frowsy | |
|  | According to pirate lore, a terrible \_\_\_\_\_\_ would follow whoever opened the treasure chest. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | precursor | B. | precession | C. | rendition | D. | insurgence | E. | malediction | |
|  | Ron has few friends because he is \_\_\_\_\_\_ and cares only about himself. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | mundane | B. | intrepid | C. | garrulous | D. | voracious | E. | egocentric | |
|  | Sunlight shining through a window was an obvious \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the nearly every one of the artist’s works. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | disjunction | B. | hindrance | C. | repugnance | D. | motif | E. | variance | |
|  | The goal of any company is to have its product name become \_\_\_\_\_\_—constantly at the forefront of the consumer’s mind. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | garrulous | B. | unctuous | C. | tremulous | D. | ubiquitous | E. | portentous | |
|  | For years Henry bore the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of being the only man in five generations of his family not to make the varsity baseball team. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | stigma | B. | brunt | C. | treatise | D. | scintillation | E. | punctiliousness | |
|  | It would take many hours of cleaning and repairing for the young family to transform the \_\_\_\_\_\_ into a clean and comfortable little cottage. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | territory | B. | manor | C. | hovel | D. | demesne | E. | hacienda | |
|  | Artists who are described as ------- are the first to experiment with new forms or concepts. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | aesthetic | B. | partisan | C. | decorous | D. | cerebral | E. | avant-garde | |
|  | Don was the most \_\_\_\_\_\_ individual I had ever met; good fortune eluded him at every turn | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | contentious | B. | auspicious | C. | venerable | D. | hapless | E. | ignominious | |
|  | Giulia soon discovered the source of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ smell in the room: a week-old tuna sandwich that one of the children had hidden in the closet. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | quaint | B. | fastidious | C. | clandestine | D. | laconic | E. | fetid | |
|  | The library's collection is a ------- of Asian American historical documents, including rare materials about race relations. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | summary | B. | fabrication | C. | consensus | D. | trove | E. | replication | |
|  | The young, thin boy surprised his wrestling opponent with his \_\_\_\_\_\_ strength. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | fraudulent | B. | wiry | C. | frolicsome | D. | pretentious | E. | endemic | |
|  | Charlie’s \_\_\_\_\_\_ behavior made it clear that he had been highly educated in matters of etiquette. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | decorous | B. | surreptitious | C. | erratic | D. | caustic | E. | irksome | |
|  | Wearing the designer’s latest fashions, the \_\_\_\_\_\_ clothing model sashayed down the runway. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | jaunty | B. | tranquil | C. | fanatical | D. | recessive | E. | contemplative | |
|  | The protesters were concerned that the proposed legislation would have a (n) \_\_\_\_\_\_ effect on the state’s nature preserves. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | scintillating | B. | deleterious | C. | insipid | D. | punctilious | E. | parsimonious | |
|  | When we were renovating the old house, we found a (n) \_\_\_\_\_\_ of $10 and $20 bills hidden inside the old laundry chute. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | odyssey | B. | matrix | C. | lament | D. | fodder | E. | cache | |
|  | Even though the pilot promised it was safe, Neil was \_\_\_\_\_\_ to fly during a snowstorm. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | habitual | B. | overzealous | C. | fodder | D. | reluctant | E. | salacious | |
|  | Marta had to pay off her \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the credit card company before she could get a mortgage. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | stipend | B. | liability | C. | remuneration | D. | concession | E. | consolidation | |
|  | Mike proved to be \_\_\_\_\_\_ throw after throw, hitting the carnival dart game’s bull’s eye every time. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | sedentary | B. | temporal | C. | mediocre | D. | infallible | E. | infeasible | |
|  | Patrick, who was always joking, added \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the formal dinner, which his sedate employer did not appreciate. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | contemplation | B. | ordinance | C. | tutelage | D. | levity | E. | sincerity | |
|  | Tony was tired of roommate’s petty \_\_\_\_\_\_ about his personal life, so he moved out. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | appeasements | B. | quips | C. | quotas | D. | rallies | E. | iniquities | |
|  | The hospital had an outbreak of chicken pox and was forced to \_\_\_\_\_\_ all patients and staff to prevent more infected victims. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | clandestine | B. | saturate | C. | germinate | D. | quarantine | E. | aggregate | |
|  | The close-up of the actor drinking the popular brand of cola in the movie was a \_\_\_\_\_\_ display of commercialism. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | dispassionate | B. | languid | C. | apathetic | D. | gratuitous | E. | unpunctual | |
|  | The dictator used propaganda and intimidation to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the revolution. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | prelude | B. | intimate | C. | congregate | D. | irradiate | E. | quell | |

Sentence Completion - Vocabulary Double Blank

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|  | Although we know that our adversaries' pace is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ compared to our own, we would be foolish to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | languid.. vigilant | B. | torpid.. complacent | C. | rapid.. callous | D. | accelerated.. prudent | E. | dilatory.. pessimistic |
|  | Anderson's callous habit of ------- the suggestions of his coworkers made him seem ------- to them. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | reviling . . amenable | B. | soliciting . . accessible | C. | revisiting . . cantankerous | D. | ignoring . . approachable | E. | deriding . . abhorrent |
|  | Britain, for the present, is deeply\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in economic troubles, and the economic future, heavily\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, looks uncertain. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | engrossed … responsive | B. | ingrained … skeptical | C. | saturated … enveloped | D. | mired … mortgaged | E. | perplexed … obligated |
|  | Following the decree banning ------ acts, suspected ------- could be forcibly detained without the filing of the formal charges. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Rebellious… conformists | B. | Apolitical… loyalists | C. | Seditious… insurrectionists | D. | Subversive… nonpartisans | E. | Supportive… opponents |
|  | Her dislike of ------ made her regard people who tried to win her approval through praise as -----. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | autocrats… dictators | B. | defiance… toadies | C. | tyrants… connoisseurs | D. | adulation… superiors | E. | flattery… sycophants |
|  | Although it was not uncommon for members of the upper class to dine with \_\_\_\_\_\_, they usually \_\_\_\_\_\_ doing so in the presence of other nobles. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | serfs...refrained from | B. | peasants...engaged in | C. | lords...took part in | D. | commoners...neglected | E. | nobles...abstained from |
|  | Although Ms.Harvey's disposition was generally --------, she could become enraged when sufficiently ---------- . | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | vicious. . ignored | B. | serene . . provoked | C. | energetic . . disappointed | D. | meek . . complimented | E. | perverse . . betrayed |
|  | An effective member of a debating team must focus clearly on the ------- issue and avoid ------- arguments. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | equivocal . . obstreperous | B. | designated . . pertinent | C. | comprehensive . . general | D. | principal . . peripheral | E. | subtle . . significant |
|  | As the charismatic speaker left the podium, she was surrounded by ------- of zealous supporters who -------- our attempts to approach her. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | An entourage… interfered with | B. | A debacle… concurred with | C. | A faction… pertained to | D. | A dearth… intercepted | E. | A coalition… encompassed |
|  | Because Ruth's parents often ------- their plans as soon as they were formed, she assumed all adults were as ------- as her parents. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | cancelled . . indulgent | B. | developed . . vivacious | C. | solidified . . capricious | D. | changed . . mercurial | E. | altered . . obstinate |
|  | Biological clocks are of such \_\_\_\_ adaptive value to living organisms, that we would expect most organisms to \_\_\_\_ them | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | clear - avoid | B. | meager - evolve | C. | significant - eschew | D. | obvious - possess | E. |  |
|  | Corruption is \_\_\_\_ in our society; the integrity of even senior officials is \_\_\_\_ | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | growing - unquestioned | B. | endangered – disputed | C. | pervasive - intact | D. | rare – corrupted | E. | rife - suspected |
|  | Despite his ------- desire to show off, he remained at heart a very ------- person. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | uncharacteristic . . demonstrative | B. | inexplicable . . hedonistic | C. | occasional . . reticent | D. | continual . . transparent | E. | blatant . . exhibitionistic |
|  | Despite his ------- rich food, the chef was able to practice ------- when his diet became threatening to his health. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | penchant for . . austerity | B. | fondness for . . indulgence | C. | avoidance of . . luxury | D. | indifference to . . asceticism | E. | talent for . . virtuosity |
|  | Despite their attempts at -------, the ------- between Peter and Fred was barely suppressed. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | camaraderie . . admiration | B. | reconciliation . . forgiveness | C. | geniality . . antipathy | D. | estrangement . . hostility | E. | earnestness . . severity |
|  | Due to the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of new media technology, many people predict newspapers will soon be \_\_\_\_\_\_ . | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | rise...obsolete | B. | increase...ubiquitous | C. | prevalence...commonplace | D. | incline...widespread | E. | death...anachronistic |
|  | He ------- the practices of aggressive autograph seekers, arguing that anyone distinguished enough to merit such ------- also deserved to be treated courteously. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | decried . . adulation | B. | defended . . adoration | C. | endorsed . . brusqueness | D. | ignored . . effrontery | E. | vilified . . Disdain |
|  | Although alarmed by the \_\_\_\_ , Professor Symes had no reason to doubt the \_\_\_\_ of his student's results, for this student was nothing if not reliable. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | conclusions - folly | B. | deductions - impudence | C. | implications - veracity | D. | errors - truth | |  |
|  | Although Dina is \_\_\_\_\_\_ about the governor’s reelection campaign, Carla regards it with \_\_\_\_\_\_. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | passionate … indifference | B. | reckless … callousness | C. | upset … carelessness | D. | exuberant … enthusiasm | E. | exceptional … zeal |
|  | Although Maria usually dresses in \_\_\_\_\_\_ garments, she was feeling inspired and decided to wear an \_\_\_\_\_\_ outfit to the art opening. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | cheap...expensive | B. | frilly...elaborate | C. | lousy...great | D. | plain...extraordinary | E. | decorative...ugly |
|  | Although the rigors of ballet dancing are primarily -------, this art is also emotionally and spiritually -------. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | illusory . . taxing | B. | exaggerated . . balanced | C. | physical . . demanding | D. | appealing . . indulgent | E. | strenuous . . dubious |
|  | Although usually warm and ------- in greeting friends, Lauren was too reserved ever to be truly -------. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | joyous . . conventional | B. | cordial . . effusive | C. | restrained . . gracious | D. | dismissive . . ebullient | E. | genial . . antisocial |
|  | As were many colonial administrators, Gregory was \_\_\_\_ in his knowledge of the grammar of the local language, though his accent was \_\_\_\_ . | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | deficient - poor | B. | competent - adequate | C. | faultless - awful | D. | well-versed - effective | | |
|  | Because little rain falls in the district during summer, municipalities are necessarily ------- to ------- water from winter storms. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | ready . . squander | B. | reluctant . . retain | C. | free . . absorb | D. | careful . . store | E. | unwilling . . conserve |
|  | Because the test has been deemed inaccurate, the \_\_\_\_\_\_ we obtained are \_\_\_\_\_\_. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | findings...valuable | B. | figures...  interesting | C. | readings...undeniable | D. | results...inconclusive |  |  |

Sentence Completion - Grammar

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|  | I told him that I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a book. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | am reading | B. | will be reading | C. | was reading | D. | were reading |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | If I hadn’t been so tired, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. realized what was happening. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Might have | B. | Might | C. | May | D. | will |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | It is high time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | that we left | B. | that we have left | C. | that we had left | D. | that we leave |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not the right thing to do. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | knew, were | B. | knew, was | C. | had known, would be | D. | know, was |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I believe that smoking is extremely dangerous. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have you heard of the people who die from cancer because they smoke? | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | For instance | B. | Similarly | C. | In addition | D. | In the same way |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I can lend you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ money if you need it. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Many | B. | Less | C. | Some | D. | a little |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I did not go and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the principal yesterday. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | met | B. | meet | C. | had met | D. | meeting |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I did not like his comments on my book but I said nothing as I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to keep quiet. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | agreed | B. | had agreed | C. | was agreeing | D. | would agree |
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|  | I don’t think that we can count \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | on | B. | in | C. | at | D. | with |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I drove through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ traffic. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | strong | B. | heavy | C. | big | D. | solid |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ money left. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Much | B. | a little | C. | Many | D. | Less |
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|  | I have got --------------------- energy than I used to. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | less | B. | lesser | C. | least | D. | either less or least |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I have invited Mark and Mary. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Harry, I don’t care whether he comes or not. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | As for | B. | While | C. | As far as | D. | Whereas |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I have not seen him\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | since we have left college | B. | since we left college | C. | since we had left college | D. | since college having been left by us |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I have started getting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at 5 a.m. to study but I don't know if I can keep this. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | on | B. | up | C. | out | D. | back |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I like Jane and Alice, but I think Jane is the -------------------- of the two. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | nice | B. | nicer | C. | nicest | D. | either nicer or nicest |
|  |  | | | | | | | |
|  | I look \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her as one of the family. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | on | B. | on to | C. | out | D. | back |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I met him only a week \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | ago | B. | before | C. | back | D. | since |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I shall go and see him before he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this place. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | will leave | B. | is leaving | C. | leave | D. | leaves |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I shall wait here till you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your lunch. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | will finish | B. | finish | C. | will have finished | D. | finished |
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|  | I take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sugar with my coffee. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | Many | B. | a little | C. | Some | D. | Fewer |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I told the children to abide \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the rules | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | on | B. | up | C. | by | D. | back |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | I was impressed by his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ performance. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | splendid | B. | splendor | C. | splendidly | D. | splendorous |
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|  | I will come tomorrow................I hear to the.......... . | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | unless; contrary | B. | until; contradictory | C. | except; oppose | D. | despite; otherwise |
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|  | I will give you the -------------------- steak: I am not very hungry. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | bigger | B. | biggest | C. | big | D. | either bigger or biggest |

Spotting Errors - Level I

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| 1. | I cleaned (1) the house by the time (2) my parents come home from their (3) vacation in (4) Mexico. No error (5) |
| 2. | In the 1990s, many analysts starting (1) their careers believe (2) that long hours were a worthwhile sacrifice (3) to make for (4) the opportunity to enter a lucrative industry. No error (5) |
| 3. | Insects (1) had been living on land for millions (2) of years by the (3) time the first fish crawled (4) out of the sea. No error (5) |
| 4. | John's schedule is (1) so packed that he scarcely has no (2) time to get from (3) one appointment to (4) the next. No error (5) |
| 5. | Julietta went (1) to the National Park and swims across (2) the lake every day to get (3) her (4) exercise. No error (5) |
| 6. | Last year, when diplomats flew from (1) foreign countries to visit our campus and lecture (2) at neighboring colleges, the dean called my classmates and I (3) to his office to greet (4) the visitors. No error (5) |
| 7. | Many of those (1) involved were (2) professionals who, in recognition (3) of their accomplishments in previous projects, had been given new assignments. (4) No error (5) |
| 8. | My art history professors prefer (1) Michelangelo's painting to viewing (2) his sculpture, although Michelangelo himself (3) was more proud of the latter (4). No error (5) |
| 9. | Dieting and exercise is (1) not the answer to (2) all weight problems, but they should (3) do the trick for most (4) waistlines. No error (5) |
| 10. | Ever since her promotion to (1) manager last year, Bretney is (2) the hardest-working (3) employee of this small and highly industrious (4) company. No error (5) |
| 11. | Harper Lee's first novel, which was published in (1) 1960 by J.B. Lippincott, and translated into (2) editions (3) in over (4) forty languages. No error (5) |
| 12. | I have come to(1)/know that(2)/his father has died (3)/three days ago (4)./No error(5) |
| 13. | In addition to possessing (1) a deep knowledge of world history, diplomats must have practice in dealing (2) with foreign cultures if he or she is (3) to begin to (4) build strong relationships with foreign leaders. No error (5) |
| 14. | In spite of (1) the fact that handwriting on rare books usually causes (2) a decrease in sale price, the value of autographed books is (3) actually greater than books (4) that have not been signed. No error (5) |
| 15. | Jim finds his fear of the dark worse (1) than heights (2) since (3) he can more easily avoid high places (4). No error (5) |
| 16. | Laurel wanted (1) to go out (2) to the movies that night, and so (3) her friend Ben wanted to stay (4) home and study. No error (5) |
| 17. | Most of the paintings throughout (1) this gallery appear to be (2) uncared for, and if you examine one closely, you will see that the paint has faded (3) and their frames have (4) cracked. No error (5) |
| 18. | Each weekend my father taught my sister and I (1) how (2) to play the banjo until (3) our skills surpassed (4) his. No error (5) |
| 19. | If I wrote (1)/to my father now (2)/he will receive (3)/the letter tomorrow (4)/No error(5). |
| 20. | In order (1) for the class to pay attention to and be respectful of (2) the substitute teacher, they have (3) to be convinced that the instructor (4) is knowledgeable. No error (5) |
| 21. | In the event that (1) any one of the main circuits (2) are (3) knocked out, we can resort to (4) reserve power cells. No error (5) |
| 22. | Many actions of young children are frequently (1) similar to (2) ones that he or she has (3) seen on (4)television. No error (5) |
| 23. | Mrs. Johnson gave (1) the assignment to Paul and I (2) , and we (3) decided to work together (4)r. No error (5) |
| 24. | Neither of America's major political parties are interested (1) in making (2) the trade balance (3) an important issue in the recent (4) elections. No error (5) |
| 25. | Even though the weather was abysmal, (1) Anika arrived twenty minutes early for (2) her class since she had ran quickly (3) all the way from (4) the parking lot. No error (5) |

Spotting Errors - Level II

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| 1. | Gowri told me (A)/ his name after (B)/ he left. (C)/ No Error. (D) |
| 2. | He asked (A) / supposing if he fails (B) /what he would do. (C) / No Error. (D) |
| 3. | I have got (A)/ my M.Sc. degree (B)/ in 1988 (C)/No error. (D)/ |
| 4. | If any of the founding fathers of our constitution (A) / was to return to life for a day (B)/ his opinion of our amendments (C) / would be interesting. (D) |
| 5. | If motorists do not observe the traffic regulations (A)/ they will be stopped, ticketed (B)/ and have to pay a fine. (C)/ No Error. (D) |
| 6. | If the majority of the individuals in a State (A) / prosper (B) / the State itself would prosper. (C)/ No Error. (D) |
| 7. | In my opinion (A) / this boy is very honest (B) / and can be depended. (C) No error (D) |
| 8. | In these days of inflation(A)/ a ten rupee's note will not buy you (B)/ even an ordinary meal.(C)/No error.(D) |
| 9. | Everyone agrees(A)/ that Rahul is wiser than(B)/all the members(C)/ of the family(D) No error(E) |
| 10. | Formed by volcanic eruptions over/(1 )the last five million years, the Hawaiian Islands containing/(2) an incredibly wide/(3) variety of species—many found nowhere else/(4) on Earth. No Error(5) |
| 11. | Great amounts of energy are (A)/ required for the massive movements of the air in the atmosphere (B)/ and for the exchange of heat and moisture between (C)/ the atmosphere and the earth’s land and water surfaces (D)/ |
| 12. | He as well as you(A)/ is tired of(B)/ / this troublesome affair (C) No error(D) |
| 13. | He did not (a) / and could not have (b) / understood (c) / the full facts of the case(d)/ No error(e) |
| 14. | He said that (A)/if I found the front door locked (B)/I was to go round (C)/to the back (D)/No error (E) |
| 15. | I am waiting(A) / for you(B)/ at this spot(C)/ for the last four hours(D)/No error(E) |
| 16 | I know (A)/ a doctor (B) / you are referring to (C) / No error (D) |
| 17. | If I had the address(1), I would have delivered(2) the package myself(3) No error(4) |
| 18. | It (a)/ has been our custom since immemorial (b)/ to extend hospitality (c) /to those who come to our door (d) / No error (e) |
| 19. | It is important(1) to take pride of (2)whatever(3) we do in life. (4)No error(5) |
| 20. | John would have told (A)/ you the truth (B)/ if you had asked him. (C)/ No Error. (D) |
| 21. | Everyone have (A)/ problems balancing (B)/comfort with fashion(C)/ No Error (D)/. |
| 22. | Ganesh is not only involved in (1)/ organizing conferences and seminars (2)/ but also in conducting (3)/ adult literacy programs. (4)/ No error(5) |
| 23. | He ultimately decided (A) / to willingly and cheerfully accept (B) /the responsibility entrusted to him. (C) / No error (D) |
| 24. | Her memory (A)/ played her false (B)/ and she could not remember who had (C)/ invented electricity (D). |
| 25. | I agree that/(A) a knowledge of Latin is helpful to build/(B) a good English vocabulary, but/(C) I do not think I have the capacity to/(D) study the subject at the moment. |

Sentence Correction - General

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|  | Entertainment being recognized as an important factor in improving mental and physical health and thereby reducing human misery and poverty. |
| A. | Entertainment being recognized as an important factor in improving mental and physical health and thereby reducing human misery and poverty. |
| B. | Recognizing entertainment as an important factor in improving mental and physical health and thereby reducing human misery and poverty. |
| C. | Recognition of it being an important factor in improving mental and physical health entertainment reduces human misery and poverty. |
| D. | Entertainment is recognized as an important factor in improving mental and physical health and thereby reducing human misery and poverty. |
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|  | If she were to win the Olympic medal, I for one would be surprised. |
| A. | If she were to win the Olympic medal, I for one would be surprised. |
| B. | If she were go on to win the Olympic medal, I for one would be surprised. |
| C. | If she becomes the winner of the Olympic medal, I for one would be surprised. |
| D. | In the event that she would win the Olympic medal, I for one would be surprised. |
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|  | Having bowed our heads, the priest in the temple led us in prayer. |
| A. | Having bowed our heads, the priest in the temple led us in prayer. |
| B. | After we bowed our heads, the priest in the temple led us in prayer. |
| C. | After we bowed our heads, the priest in the temple led us in prayer. |
| D. | After we had bowed our heads, the priest in the temple led us in prayer. |
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|  | I am not to eager to go to this movie because it did not get good reviews. |
| A. | I am not to eager to go to this movie because it did not get good reviews. |
| B. | Because of its poor reviews, I am not too eager to go to this movie. |
| C. | I am not too eager to go to this movie because the critics did not give it good reviews. |
| D. | I am not too eager to go to this movie because of its poor reviews. |
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|  | If he would have revised his first draft, he would have received a better grade. |
| A. | would have revised |
| B. | had revised |
| C. | could of revised |
| D. | had of revised |
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|  | Sentence Correction - Subject Verb |
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|  | It is common in Helen Hayes Theater, as in almost every local theater, the opinion of administrators has played at least as large a part in deciding what to perform as has the desires of the public. |
| A. | in almost every local theater, the opinion of administrators has played at |
| B. | in almost every local theater, that the opinion of administrators has played |
| C. | it is in almost every local theater, that the opinion of administrators has |
| D. | is in almost every local theater, that the opinion of administrators have |
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|  | Dunbar argues that gossip is important in human societies in the maintenance of social cohesion, just as social grooming does for other primates. |
| A. | gossip is important in human societies in the maintenance of social cohesion, just as social grooming does for other primates |
| B. | gossip is important in the maintenance of social cohesion in human society, just as social grooming does for other primates |
| C. | in human societies gossip is important in social cohesion like social grooming for other primate societies |
| D. | gossip is important in human societies in the maintenance of social cohesion, just as social grooming is in other primate groups |
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|  | Everybody at the party love the chocolate cake Shelley made. |
| A. | Everybody at the party love the chocolate cake Shelley made. |
| B. | Everybody at the party loving the chocolate cake Shelley made. |
| C. | Everybody at the party loves the chocolate cake Shelley made. |
| D. | Everybody love the chocolate cake Shelley made at the party. |
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|  | Health professionals widely concur that, beyond a certain amount of exercise each day, the benefits that an individual can expect to derive **by further exercise is** negligible. |
| A. | by further exercise is |
| B. | from further exercise are |
| C. | in furthering exercise are |
| D. | by exercising further would be |
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|  | If the gardener would sow the seeds in the greenhouse rather than the garden, he might get a better display of flowers. |
| A. | If the gardener would sow the seeds in the greenhouse rather than the garden |
| B. | If the gardener sowed the seeds in the greenhouse rather than the garden |
| C. | If the gardener would sow the seeds in the greenhouse rather than in the garden |
| D. | If the gardener were to sow the seeds in the greenhouse rather than in the garden |
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|  | Sentence Correction - Tense Verb |
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|  | Japan’s abundant rainfall and the typically mild temperature throughout most of the country have produced a lush vegetation cover and, despite the mountainous terrain and generally poor soils, it has made possible the raising of a variety of crops. |
| A. | it has made possible the raising of |
| B. | has made possible for them to raise |
| C. | have made it possible to raise |
| D. | have made it possible for raising |
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|  | Both intellectual property lawyers and research firms **are waiting with great interest for the legal outcome of the debate on if corporations will be allowed to file patents for certain genetic sequences they discover.** |
| A. | are waiting with great interest for the legal outcome of the debate on if corporations will be allowed to file patents for certain genetic sequences they discover |
| B. | are waiting with the greatest interest for the legal outcome of the debate on if corporations should be allowed to file patents for certain genetic sequences discovered by them |
| C. | have been waiting with great interest for the legal outcome of the debate on whether corporations will be allowed to file patents for the genetic sequences they have discovered |
| D. | are waiting with great interest for the legal outcome of the debate on whether corporations will be allowed to file patents for certain genetic sequences the corporations discover |
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|  | **By the time we have reached France, we will have been backpacking for twelve weeks.** |
| A. | By the time we have reached France, we will have been backpacking for twelve weeks. |
| B. | By the time we have reached France, we will have backpacked for twelve weeks. |
| C. | By the time we reach France, we will have been backpacking for twelve weeks. |
| D. | By the time we will have reached France, we will have backpacked for twelve weeks. |
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|  | In 1860, the Philological Society launched its effort to create a dictionary more comprehensive than the world had ever seen; although the project would take more than 60 years to complete, the Oxford English Dictionary had been born. |
| A. | would take more than 60 years to complete, the Oxford English Dictionary had been |
| B. | took more than 60 years to complete, the Oxford English Dictionary was |
| C. | would take more than 60 years to complete, the Oxford English Dictionary was being |
| D. | would take more than 60 years to complete, the Oxford English Dictionary was |
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|  | Many analysts have recently predicted that democratic institutions will develop in China, as the growth of democracy has generally followed industrial development in other countries throughout the 20th century. |
| A. | has generally followed industrial development |
| B. | generally followed industrial development |
| C. | had generally followed industrial development |
| D. | followed general industrial development |

Para Jumble – Four Sentence

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| 1. 1 | P. I think even more urgent than privatizing existing state-owned firms is to allow the entry of private firms into sectors earlier reserved for the state.  Q. Indian thinking has traditionally been encumbered by a zero-sum view of the economy.  R. In reality, economic life is full of complementarities.  S. A government that facilitated private business was assumed to be working against the interest of the workers and the public sector. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | SRPQ | B. | PSRQ | C. | SPQR | D. | QSRP |
| 1. 2 | P. All levels of demand, whether individual, aggregate, local, national or international are subject to change.  Q. At the same time science and technology add new dimensions to products, their uses, and the methods used to market them.  R. Aggregate demand fluctuates with changes in the level of business activity, GNP and national income.  S. The demand of individuals tends to vary with changing needs or rising income. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | RQSP | B. | SRPQ | C. | QRPS | D. | PSRQ |
| 1. 3 | P. Almost half (46%) of full-time UK workers describe their working environments as gloomy or depressing’.  Q. Firms are spending almost £4.5bn a year in sick pay because staff are working in cramped and dismal workplaces with no greenery or natural light, a recent report claims.  R. Miserable working conditions reportedly take their toll on employee productivity as well.  S. They take on average 14 annual sick days, compared with the typical worker's eight days off ill. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | PRSQ | B. | QPSR | C. | SQPR | D. | RSPQ |
| 1. 4 | P. Food manufactures spend more on advertising than any other manufacturing group and the nation's grocery stores rank first among all retailers.  Q. Food product lead in expenditures for network and spot television advertisements, discount coupons, trading stamps, contests, and other forms of premium advertising.  R. Foods are overwhelming the most advertised group of all consumer products in the U.S.  S. In other media- newspapers, magazines, newspaper supplements, billboard and radio, food-advertising expenditures rank near the top. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | RSQP | B. | RQSP | C. | RPSQ | D. | SPRQ |
| 1. 5 | P. however, the real challenge today is in learning which is much harder.  Q. but the new world of business behaves differently from the world in which we grew up.  R. learning is important for both people and organizations.  S. each of us has ‘mental model’ that we have used over the years to make sense. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | RPSQ | B. | QSPR | C. | RSPQ | D. | PRQS |
| 1. 6 | P. It is said that India has always been in a hurry to conform to the western thought especially the American.  Q. Even the smaller countries have the guts to take a firm contrarian stand if they feel the policies happen to compromise their country’s interest.  R. its one thing to sprout theories on liberalization, and entirely another to barter the interests of the nation in its name.  S. In this case too, while a large number of countries are yet to ratify the GATT, India has not only ratified the treaty, but is also preparing to amend the Patents Act. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | RPQS | B. | SRPQ | C. | RQSP | D. | QSRP |
| 1. 7 | P. Merchants soon grew rich as the demand for products increased.  Q. Trade started from person to person but grew to involve different towns in different lands.  R. Eventually, people got a greater variety of things to choose from.  S. People found work in transporting the goods or selling them. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | QSPR | B. | QPSR | C. | SPQR | D. | SQPR |
| 1. 8 | P. The individual companies vary in size, from the corner grocery to the industrial giant.  Q. Policies and management methods within firms range from formal, well-planned organization and controls to slipshod day-to-day operations.  R. Various industries offer a wide array of products or services through millions of firms largely independent of each other.  S. Variation in the form of ownership contributes to diversity in capital investment, volume of business and financial structure. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | SQRP | B. | RPSQ | C. | QPSR | D. | PSRQ |
| 1. 9 | P. trivial pursuits marketed by the Congress are a game imported from Italy.  Q. the idea is to create an imaginary savior in times of crisis so that the party does not fall flat on its collective face.  R. closest contenders are Mani Shankar Aiyar who still hears his Master’s Voice and  V. George who is frustrated by the fact that his political future remains Sonia and yet so far.  S. the current champion is Arjun for whom all roads lead to Rome or in this case 10 Janpath. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | PQSR | B. | PQRS | C. | SRQP | D. | RSQP |
| 1. 1 | P. Wal-Mart has increased its Procter &amp; Gamble diaper business by 50 percent and cut inventory by 70 percent because of this collaboration.  Q. Several years ago, senior executives from Procter &amp; Gamble and Wal-Mart met for two days.  R. As a result of this meeting, a team of Procter &amp; Gamble employees moved to Bentonville, Arkansas, Wal-Mart's headquarters, to work with Wal-Mart executives on productivity and quality issues.  S. They wanted to explore how they could jointly apply quality management principles to the disposable diaper business. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | QSRP | B. | SQPR | C. | RPSQ | D. | QRPS |
| 1. 1 | P. And that the pursuit of money by whatever design within the law is always benign.  Q. And it holds broadly that the greater the amount of money, the greater the intelligence.  R. This is the institutional truth of Wall Street, this you will be required to believe.  S. The institutional truth of the financial world holds that association with money implies intelligence. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | PRQS | B. | RSQP | C. | SQPR | D. | SRPQ |
| 1. 1 | P. His political career came to an abrupt end with China's military operation.  Q. He attracted as well as repelled.  R. He was responsible for the debacle.  S. A man of paradoxes, Menon remained an enigma. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | SRPQ | B. | PRSQ | C. | SQPR | D. | SPRQ |
| 1. 1 | P. Mr. Raman's personality sets him apart from the rest.  Q. Nothing is too small for his attention.  R. He has a fanatical devotion to detail.  S. This is what makes him a different person. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | PRQS | B. | PQRS | C. | QSRP | D. | SRQP |
| 1. 1 | P. there was nothing quite like a heavy downpour of rain to make life worthwhile.  Q. we reached the field, soaked to the skin, and surrounded it.  R. the wet as far as he was concerned was ideal.  S. there, sure enough, stood Claudius, looking like a debauched Roman emperor under a shower. | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | SRQP | B. | QSPR | C. | QPSR | D. | QPRS |
| 1. 1 | P. What interests you is the way in which you have created the illusion  Q. They are angry with you, for it was  R. The public is easily disillusioned and then  S. The illusion they loved; they do not understand that | | | | | | | |
|  | A. | PRQS | B. | QSRP | C. | RQSP | D. | QRPS |

Reading Comprehension

**Passage 1**

In terms of labour, for decades the relatively low cost and high quality of Japanese workers conferred considerable competitive advantage across numerous durable goods and consumer-electronics industries (eg. Machinery, automobiles, televisions, radios). Then labour-based advantages shifted to South Korea, then to Malaysia, Mexico and other nations. Today, China appears to be capitalizing best on the basic of labour, Japanese firms still remain competitive in markets for such durable goods, electronics and other products, but the labour force is no longer sufficient for competitive advantage over manufacturers in other industrializing nations. Such shifting of labour-based advantage is clearly not limited to manufacturing industries. Today a huge number of IT and service jobs are moving from Europe and North America to India, Singapore, and like countries with relatively well-educated, low-cost workforces possessing technical skills. However, as educational levels and technical skills continue to rise in other countries, India, Singapore and like nations enjoying labour-based competitive advantage today are likely to find such advantage cannot be sustained through emergence of new competitors.

In terms of capital, for centuries the days of gold coin and later even paper money restricted financial flows. Subsequently regional concentrations were formed where large banks, industries and markets coalesced. But today capital flows internationally at rapid speed. Global commerce no longer requires regional interactions among business players. Regional capital concentrations in places such as New York, London and Tokyo still persist, of course, but the capital concentrated there is no longer sufficient for competitive advantage over other capitalists distributed worldwide. Only if an organization is able to combine, integrate and apply its resources (eg. Land, labour, capital, IT) in an effective manner that is not readily imitable by competitors can such an organization enjoy competitive advantage sustainable overtime.

In a knowledge-based theory of the firm, this idea is extended to view organizational knowledge as resource with atleast the same level of power and importance as the traditional economic inputs. An organization with superior knowledge can achieve competitive advantage in markets that appreciate the application of such knowledge. Semiconductors, genetic engineering, pharmaceuticals, software, military warfare, and like knowledge-intensive competitive arenas provide both time-proven and current examples. Consider semiconductors (e. g. computer chips), which are made principally of sand and common metals, these ubiquitous and powerful electronics devices are designed within common office buildings, using commercially available tools, and fabricated within factories in many industrialized nations. Hence, land is not the key competitive recourse in the semiconductor industry.

1. What is required to ensure competitive advantages in specific markets?

(A) Access to capital

(B) Common office buildings

(C) Superior knowledge

(D) Common metals

2. The passage also mentions about the trend of

(A) Global financial flow

(B) Absence of competition in manufacturing industry

(C) Regionalisation of capitalists

(D) Organizational incompatibility

3. What does the author lay stress on in the passage?

(A) International commerce

(B) Labour-Intensive industries

(C) Capital resource management

(D) Knowledge-driven competitive advantage

4. Which country enjoyed competitive advantages in automobile industry for decades?

(A) South Korea

(B) Japan

(C) Mexico

(D) Malaysia

5. Why labour-based competitive advantages of India and Singapore cannot be sustained in IT and service sectors?

(A) Due to diminishing levels of skill

(B) Due to capital-intensive technology making inroads

(C) Because of new competitors

(D) Because of shifting of labour-based advantage in manufacturing industries

6. How can an organization enjoy competitive advantage sustainable overtime?

(A) Through regional capital flows

(B) Through regional interactions among business players

(C) By making large banks, industries and markets coalesced

(D) By effective use of various instrumentalities

**Passage 2**

**THE BIG CATS AT THE SHARJAH BREEDING CENTRE**

It is one of the few places where you will be able to spot them all at the same time… the Arabian wolf, an African cheetah, an Arabian leopard, an oryx, a gazelle. These are just some of the animals, which, on the brink of extinction, are now getting a new lease of life thanks to the exemplary work being done at the Breeding Centre for Endangered Arabian Wildlife in Sharjah.

Sharjah is one of the seven emirates that make up the United Arab Emirates. The Breeding Centre’s expertise and facilities have made it a prime destination for illegally imported animals confiscated by UAE and Sharjah authorities. In the last four years, more than 900 mammals and reptiles and 969 birds have arrived at the centre, including 25 North African cheetahs, Houbara bustard and falcons, lions, a baby Nile crocodile and a Burmese python that was left in a rental car at the airport.

The 25 cheetahs were all imported illegally into the UAE and were intercepted at the UAE harbour and airport entry points. They nearly all arrived malnourished, dehydrated and highly stressed after long voyages stuffed into boxes, crates and suitcases. Now they are bright and full of energy. The Centre’s efforts have also been rewarded when the first cheetah mating took place at the end of 2002. Playing matchmaker with these beautiful creatures is no easy task – successful breeding requires considerable patience and intimate knowledge of each animal’s personality, and it is the result of intensive and expert management of each animal within the group as well as of the group as a whole.

Because this group was still young and inexperienced in courtship matters, the keepers had to make the introductions only after careful planning and management, much like the lead role in a Jane Austen novel. The female cheetahs were initially intimidated by the presence of the male; however, as they advance to oestrus, the roles are reversed and the male cheetah becomes too wary to approach during the female’s most receptive phase of the cycle. It is the responsibility of the keeper therefore to monitor each individual and to be able to respond to any indication from the cheetahs that the time is right for introducing a pair. The close bond that invariably develops between the keeper and the cheetahs enables the keeper to spot even the most subtle signs from the animals in their care. The trust between keeper and animal has also allowed the opportunity to study cellular changes in the sexual organs of the females during the hormonal cycles that occur prior to reproduction.

The Breeding Centre’s cheetahs are also participants in the European breeding programme, which aims to ensure that the genetic diversity of this endangered species is maintained and expanded by breeding as many founder animals as possible to introduce new bloodlines into the captive population. In this way, the group held at the centre plays a very important role in the future health of the international captive population, as they are potentially all new founders. Also very important for the Sharjah Breeding Centre is the leopard-breeding programme.

The Arabian leopard, Panthera pardus nimr, is critically endangered around the world and particularly in the Arabian peninsula, where it was once found throughout the coastal mountain ranges. Activities like hunting, trapping and habitat destruction has reduced their range to a few isolated and fragmented populations in Oman, Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

In the 1980s, a captive breeding programme was established near Muscat with the capture of three leopards in southwestern Oman. The breeding programme in the UAE was initiated by the Arabian Leopard Trust and started with the arrival of two mature specimens: a male Arabian leopard from Yemen and a female on breeding loan from Oman in 1995. The arrival of these two animals led to the construction of the Breeding Centre in which the leopard has played the role of flagship species.

Today there are twelve leopards at the Breeding centre, eight of which have been born at the centre since the first cub in 1998. Once more, the secret to the centre’s success is the close relationship between animal and keeper. The leopard is usually shy and secretive with people around, but here they react positively to the presence of their keepers, approaching the fence so they can be talked to or scratched behind an ear.

The bond is particularly important during breeding season, when keepers decide to introduce pairs to each other. Male leopards are known to have killed their partners on introduction, so it is essential for the keeper to understand the leopards’ behaviour to decide when it is safe to do so. The trust is also important if keepers need to enter dens to check on and monitor the cub’s growth. Leopard females have been known to kill their cubs if the dens have been disturbed, but the centre’s leopards are quite comfortable with the staff handling the new generation of cubs.

**Questions 1-8**

***Match the animals (A – D) with the statements (1 – 8) using the information in the text. Write the appropriate letter (A – D) in boxes 1 – 8 on your answer sheet.***

**A** - *if the statement refers to* ***cheetahs*** *at the Breeding Centre*

**B** - *if the statement refers to* ***leopards*** *at the Breeding Centre*

**C** - *if the statement refers to* ***both cheetahs and leopards*** *at the Breeding Centre*

**D** - i*f the statement refers to* ***neither cheetahs nor leopards*** *at the Breeding Centre*

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| 1. These animals were smuggled into the UAE. | A |
| 1. At first these animals did not adapt to life at the Sharjah Breeding Centre | D |
| 1. These animals are regarded as the most important animal at the Centre. | B |
| 1. Half of these animals were born at the Breeding centre. | D |
| 1. These animals can be dangerous to one another. | B |
| 1. The role of the keeper is vital in the breeding programme of these animals. | C |
| 1. The first of these animals at the Breeding Centre were relatively young. | A |
| 1. It is normally difficult for humans to approach these animals. | B |

**Questions 9-13**

***Complete the summary below. Choose your answers from the box below the summary and write them in boxes 9 – 13 on your answer sheet.***

***Note:*** *There are more words than spaces, so you will not use them at all.*

**SUMMARY**

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| Reptiles (9) variety behavior (12) success (13) creating  expanding (10) difficulty diversity (11) action habitat  season fish change working programme |

The Sharjah Breeding Centre now has a variety of animals including birds, mammals and (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. As its name suggests, the Centre is primarily involved in breeding and (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the numbers of the species housed there whilst still maintaining the (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of bloodlines in order to retain genetic health. In spite of problems involving the complex (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the animals, a fair amount of (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has been achieved with North African cheetahs and Arabian leopards.

**Passage 3**

**INSOMNIA – THE ENEMY OF SLEEP**

A

It is not unusual to have sleep troubles from time to time. But, if you feel you do not get enough sleep or satisfying sleep, you may have insomnia, a sleep disorder. People with insomnia have one or more of the following: difficulty falling asleep, waking up often during the night and having trouble going back to sleep, waking up too early in the morning and unrefreshing sleep. Insomnia is not defined by the number of hours you sleep every night. The amount of sleep a person needs varies. While most people need between 7 and 8 hours of sleep a night, some people do well with less, and some need more.

B

Insomnia occurs most frequently in people over age 60, in people with a history of depression, and in women, especially after menopause. Severe emotional trauma can also cause insomnia with divorced, widowed and separated people being the most likely to suffer from this sleep disorder. Stress, anxiety, illness and other sleep disorders such as restless legs syndrome are the most common causes of insomnia. An irregular work schedule, jet lag or brain damage from a stroke or Alzeimer’s disease can also cause insomnia as well as excessive use of alcohol or illicit drugs. It can also accompany a variety of mental illnesses.

C

The mechanism that induces sleep is not known. When it becomes dark, the pineal gland in the brain secretes a hormone called melatonin, which is thought to induce sleep. Exactly why sleep is necessary for good health and efficient mental functioning is unknown. We do know that sleep consists of two very different states: rapid eye movement (REM) sleep and non-REM sleep. In REM sleep, dreams occur, the eyes move under the closed lids and there is an increase in oxygen consumption, blood flow and neural activity. REM sleep occurs four or five times during a night. Beginning periods last about ten to fifteen minutes but the periods get longer as the night goes on. The periods of REM sleep alternate with longer periods of non-REM sleep, when body functions slow. Non-REM sleep has four stages. During the deepest stages (3 and 4) it is hard to rouse a sleeper. As the night goes on, the periods of non-REM sleep become progressively lighter. Sleep in stages 1 and 2 are felt to be restorative as during this time the body repairs itself utilizing a hormone called somatostatin. Lack of stage 4 sleep is believed to be important in chronically painful conditions such as fibromyalgia.

D

Healthcare providers diagnose insomnia in several ways. One way is to categorize insomnia by how often it occurs. Another way is to identify the insomnia by what is causing the sleep deprivation. The two main types of insomnia have been described as Primary Insomnia and Secondary Insomnia. Primary Insomnia is a chronic condition with little apparent association with stress or a medical problem. The most common form of primary insomnia is psycho physiological insomnia. Secondary insomnia is caused by symptoms that accompany a medical condition such as anxiety, depression or pain.

E

Improving one’s sleep hygiene helps improve insomnia in all patients. Relaxing during the hour before you go to sleep and creating a comfortable environment suited for sleep can be helpful. Older people who wake up earlier than normal or have trouble falling asleep may need less sleep than they used to. Changing one’s sleep pattern, either by going to bed later or waking up earlier, can be effective in dealing with insomnia in older people. Therapy also depends on the cause and severity of the insomnia. Transient and intermittent insomnia may not require any direct action since these conditions last only a few days at a time. However, if insomnia interferes with a person’s daily activities, something should be done. Usually the best method of dealing with insomnia is by attacking the underlying cause. For example, people who are depressed often have insomnia and looking at this problem may eliminate it.

F

Not getting enough sleep can make you less productive, irritable and unable to concentrate. Lack of sleep can make it seem as if you “got up out of the wrong side of the bed.” Early morning headaches and waking up feeling as if you never went to sleep can result in frustration. Stress can cause insomnia but insomnia also increases stress. Insomnia can make driving unsafe as well. Insomnia can result in missed work, which can cause you to become less productive and miss promotions. It can leave you feeling as if you just can’t get enough done. Insomnia can also mask serious mental disorders. People with insomnia may think that not getting enough sleep is their only problem, but the insomnia may actually be one symptom of a larger disorder, such as depression. Studies show that people with insomnia are four times more likely to be depressed than people with a healthy sleeping pattern. In addition, lack of sleep can tax the heart and lead to serious conditions like heart disease. All of these are important problems that can affect every part of your life.

G

Establishing certain set routines can help insomniacs get better sleep. Examples of these routines include: going to bed and getting up at the same time every day, avoiding napping, avoiding caffeine, nicotine, alcohol and eating heavily late in the day, exercising regularly and making your bedroom comfortable in terms of the bed, noise and temperature. Insomniacs should also only use their bedroom for sleep so that their bodies associate the room with sleep. Finally, if you can’t get to sleep, don’t toss and turn all night. Get up and read or do something that is not overly stimulating until you feel really sleepy again.

**Questions 1-6**

***The reading passage on Insomnia has 7 paragraphs (A – G). From the list of headings below choose the most suitable headings for paragraphs B – G. Write the appropriate number (i – xi) in boxes 14 – 19 on your answer sheet.***

Note: There are more headings than paragraphs, so you will not use them all.

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| Example | Answer |
| Paragraph A | iv |

**List of headings:**

1. The Role of Sleep
2. Insomnia Medication
3. Habits to Promote a Good Night’s Sleep
4. What is Insomnia
5. Complications for Insomniacs
6. Government Action
7. Available Treatment for Insomnia
8. The Causes of Insomnia
9. Therapy Solutions
10. Types of Insomnia
11. Current Research

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| 1. Paragraph B | VIII |
| 1. Paragraph C | I |
| 1. Paragraph D | X |
| 1. Paragraph E | VII |
| 1. Paragraph F | V |
| 1. Paragraph G | III |

**Questions 7 – 14**

Do the following statements agree with the views of the writer of the reading passage on Insomnia?

In Boxes **7 - 14** write:

**YES** *if the statement agrees with the writer*

**NO** *if the statement doesn’t agree with the writer*

**NOT GIVEN** *if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this*

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| 1. Someone who only gets four hours of sleep a night must be suffering from insomnia. | NO |
| 1. Travelling can cause insomnia. | YES |
| 1. REM sleep is felt to be the most important for the body’s rest. | NO |
| 1. Secondary insomnia is far more common than primary insomnia. | NOT GIVEN |
| 1. Sufferers of insomnia can attend specialist sleep clinics. | NOT GIVEN |
| 1. Many people suffering from insomnia don’t realize that they suffer from it. | NOT GIVEN |
| 1. There is no actual correlation linking insomnia and depression. | NO |
| 1. Sleeping during the day can make insomnia worse. | YES |

**Passage 4**

**ALTERNATIVE FARMING METHODS IN OREGON**

Onion growers in eastern Oregon are adopting a system that saves water and keeps topsoil in place, while producing the highest quality “super colossal” onions. Pear growers in southern Oregon have reduced their use of some of the most toxic pesticides by up to two-thirds, and are still producing top-quality pears. Range managers throughout the state have controlled the poisonous weed tansy ragwort with insect predators and saved the Oregon livestock industry up to $4.8 million a year.

These are some of the results Oregon growers have achieved in collaboration with Oregon State University (OSU) researchers as they test new farming methods including integrated pest management (IPM). Nationwide, however, IPM has not delivered results comparable to those in Oregon. A recent U.S General Accounting Office (GAO) report indicates that while integrated pest management can result in dramatically reduced pesticide use, the federal government has been lacking in effectively promoting that goal and implementing IPM. Farmers also blame the government for not making the new options of pest management attractive. “A wholesale change in the way that farmers control the pests on their farms is an expensive business.” Tony Brown, of the National Farmers Association says. “If the farmers are given tax breaks to offset the expenditure, then they would willingly accept the new practices.” The report goes on to note that even though the use of the riskiest pesticides has declined nationwide, they still make up more than 40 percent of all pesticides used today; and national pesticide use has risen by 40 million kilograms since 1992. “Our food supply remains the safest and highest quality on Earth but we continue to overdose our farmland with powerful and toxic pesticides and to under-use the safe and effective alternatives,” charged Patrick Leahy, who commissioned the report. Green action groups disagree about the safety issue. “There is no way that habitual consumption of foodstuffs grown using toxic chemicals of the nature found on today’s farms can be healthy for consumers,” noted Bill Bowler, spokesman for Green Action, one of many lobbyists interested in this issue.

The GAO report singles out Oregon’s apple and pear producers who have used the new IPM techniques with growing success. Although Oregon is clearly ahead of the nation, scientists at OSU are taking the Government Accounting Office criticisms seriously. “We must continue to develop effective alternative practices that will reduce environmental hazards and produce high quality products,” said Paul Jepson, a professor of entomology at OSU and new director of OSU’s Integrated Plant Protection Centre (IPPC). The IPPC brings together scientists from OSU’s Agricultural Experiment Station, OSU Extension service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Oregon farmers to help develop agricultural systems that will save water and soil, and reduce pesticides. In response to the GAO report, the Centre is putting even more emphasis on integrating research and farming practices to improve Oregon agriculture environmentally and economically.

“The GAO report criticizes agencies for not clearly communicating the goals of IPM,” said Jepson. “Our challenge is to greatly improve the communication to and from growers, to learn what works and what doesn’t. The work coming from OSU researchers must be adopted in the field and not simply languish in scientific journals.”

In Oregon, growers and scientists are working together to instigate new practices. For example, a few years ago scientists at OSU’s Malheur Experiment Station began testing a new drip irrigation system to replace old ditches that wasted water and washed soil and fertilizer into streams. The new system cut water and fertilizer use by half, kept topsoil in place and protected water quality. In addition, the new system produced crops of very large onions, rated “super colossal” and highly valued by the restaurant industry and food processors. Art Pimms, one of the researchers at Malheur comments: “Growers are finding that when they adopt more environmentally benign practices, they can have excellent results. The new practices benefit the environment and give the growers their success.”

OSU researchers in Malheur next tested straw mulch and found that it successfully held soil in place and kept the ground moist with less irrigation. In addition, and unexpectedly, the scientists found that the mulched soil created a home for beneficial beetles and spiders that prey on onion thrips – a notorious pest in commercial onion fields – a discovery that could reduce the need for pesticides. “I would never have believed that we could replace the artificial pest controls that we had before and still keep our good results,” commented Steve Black, a commercial onion farmer in Oregon, “but instead we have actually surpassed expectations.”

OSU researchers throughout the state have been working to reduce dependence on broad-spectrum chemical sprays that are toxic to many kind of organisms, including humans. “Consumers are rightly putting more and more pressure on the industry to change its reliance on chemical pesticides, but they still want a picture-perfect product,” said Rick Hilton, entomologist at OSU’s Southern Oregon Research and Extension Centre, where researchers help pear growers reduce the need for highly toxic pesticides. Picture perfect pears are an important product in Oregon and traditionally they have required lots of chemicals. In recent years, the industry has faced stiff competition from overseas producers, so any new methods that growers adopt must make sense economically as well as environmentally. Hilton is testing a growth regulator that interferes with the molting of codling moth larvae. Another study used pheromone dispensers to disrupt codling moth mating. These and other methods of integrated pest management have allowed pear growers to reduce their use of organophosphates by two-thirds and reduce all other synthetic pesticides by even more and still produce top-quality pears. These and other studies around the state are part of the effort of the IPPC to find alternative farming practices that benefit both the economy and the environment.

**Questions 1-8**

Match the views (1 **– 8**) with the people listed below.

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| TB Tony Brown  PL Patrick Leahy  BB Bill Bowler  PJ Paul Jepson  AP Art Pimms  SB Steve Black  RH Rick Hilton |

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| 1. There is a double advantage to the new techniques. | AP |
| 1. Expectations of end users of agricultural products affect the products. | RH |
| 1. The work on developing these alternative techniques is not finished. | PJ |
| 1. Eating food that has had chemicals used in its production is dangerous to our health. | BB |
| 1. Changing current farming methods is not a cheap process. | TB |
| 1. Results have exceeded anticipations. | SB |
| 1. The research done should be translated into practical projects. | PJ |
| 1. The U.S. produces the best food in the world. | PL |

**Questions 9 – 13**

Read the passage about alternative farming methods in Oregon again and look at the statements below.

In boxes **09 - 13** on your answer sheet write:

**TRUE** *if the statement is true*

**FALSE** *if the statement is false*

**NOT GIVEN** *if the information is not given in the advertisement*

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| 1. Integrated Pest Management has generally been regarded as a success in the US. | FALSE |
| 1. Oregon farmers of apples and pears have been promoted as successful examples of Integrated Pest Management. | TRUE |
| 1. The IPPC uses scientists from different organisations. | TRUE |
| 1. Straw mulch experiments produced unplanned benefits. | TRUE |
| 1. The apple industry is now facing a lot of competition from abroad. | NOT GIVEN |