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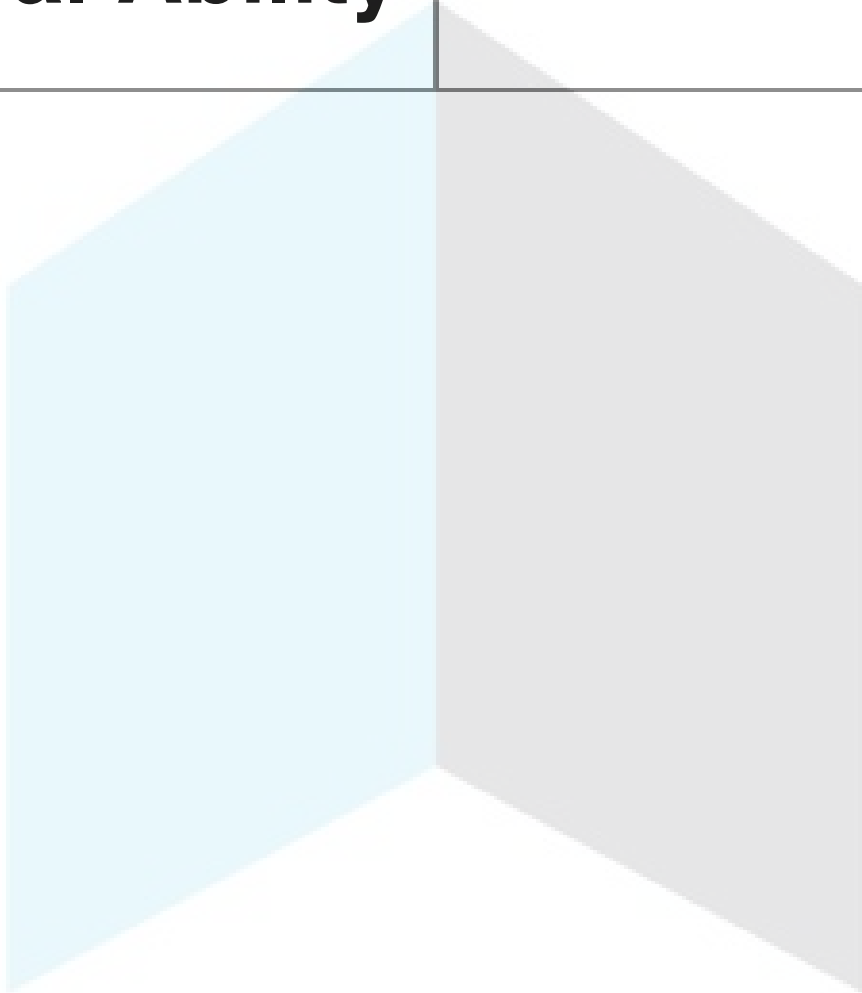
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# TCS Verbal Ability

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## 24 Questions

**Que. 1** Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error from the given options.

A lunar eclipse occurs when the sun, the Earth, and the moon align so that Earth's shadow falls above the lunar disk.

1. A lunar eclipse occurs
2. align so that Earth's shadow
3. falls above the lunar disk
4. when the sun, the Earth, and the moon

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 3

**Que. 2** Direction: In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No error.

(1)She was not wearing /(2)her spectacles, so she was not able/ (3)to identify the gangster who attacked her./(4)No error.

1. She was not wearing
2. her spectacles, so she was not able
3. to identify the gangster who attacked her.
4. No error.

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 4

**Que. 3** For the four-sentence (S1 to S4) paragraph below, sentences S1 and S4 are given. From the options P, Q and R, choose appropriate sentences for S2 and S3 respectively.

S1: Why do birds sing?

S2: \_\_\_\_\_

S3: \_\_\_\_\_

S4: The length and complexity of the song give information about the health of the bird.

Options:

P: Birds sing to warn other birds to stay off their territory.

Q: You might assume that birds sing because they are happy.

R: Birds also sing to find a healthy mate.

1. QR
2. QP
3. PQ
4. PR

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 2

**Que. 4** Identify the segment in the sentence that contains a grammatical error.

By the linking of the rivers / it is proposed to provide / a continuous supplies of water / to those parts of India / where there is a shortage.

1. By the linking of the rivers

2. it is proposed to provide
3. where there is a shortage.
4. a continuous supplies of water

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 4

**Que. 5** Which of the following sentences does NOT use informal language?

1. Did you locate our office quite easily?
2. You will be working with different managers during your training
3. We shall endeavour to inform you of the position in two weeks time
4. Is there anything else you want to ask?

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 3

**Que. 6** **Direction:** In the following passage, some words/phrases have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

Once an elephant lived in a village. He got in friendship \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a tailor. The elephant used to go to a river for a bath. After drinking water and taking a bath it would pass by a tailor's shop and the tailor would give it something to eat. One day the tailor was in an angry mood due to a quarrel with one of the customers. The elephant came as usual. Instead of giving anything to eat, he \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the elephant's trunk with his needle. The elephant \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in pain. It made up its mind to teach the tailor a lesson. It went to the river, had its bath, and then filled \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_ its trunk with muddy water. It stopped \_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the tailor's shop and emptied all the muddy water on the garments in the shop. The clothes were spoiled with mud. The tailor suffered a great loss. He felt sad for his misdeed. But it was too late.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.

1. of
2. with
3. into
4. by

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 2

**Que. 7** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.

1. Split
2. assuaged
3. soothed
4. pricked

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 4

**Que. 8** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.

1. Agonized
2. ecstatic
3. Bemoaning
4. miserable

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 1

**Que. 9** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.

1. upon
2. upto
3. with
4. up

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 4

**Que. 10** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 5.

1. at
2. on
3. upon
4. beyond

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 1

**Que. 11** Aisha had been very successful in managing her team in Edinburgh and was asked by the company to lead a remote team for an important two-year project. Keen to demonstrate her leadership, Aisha got her team members together for a remote meeting. But right from that first meeting, she realized that this was going to be a different challenge.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lucia kept asking about really specific details while Aisha was hoping to use the meeting to get to know the team members and identify priorities. Archie and Lucia kept accidentally talking at the same time, and when they didn't speak, there was an uncomfortable silence. Valentina hardly said a word.

\_\_\_\_\_ Without these visual clues, Aisha had no idea whether people were interested, lost, confused or bored.

A. No one had their cameras on, so there was none of the usual communication through body language and facial expressions.

B. Compared to a face-to-face meeting the remote team is not preferred by all the managers.

C. For a start, Archie was late for the meeting by about 15 minutes because of the 'technical problems'.

1. A, C
2. B, A
3. A, B
4. C, A

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 4

**Que. 12** Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No Improvement.

These flowers smell sweetly and are sold at high prices in the market.

1. These flowers will smell sweetly
2. These flowers smelt sweetly
3. No improvement
4. These flowers smell sweet

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 4

**Que. 13** Direction: Rearrange the following part of the sentence in form of a meaningful sentence.

The practice of taking performance-boosting drugs among athletes but checking it is not going to be easy (P) / is generally conceded to be unfair (Q) / of the detection technology (R) / for the user is generally one jump ahead (S).

1. RSPQ
2. QPSR
3. QPRS
4. PQRS

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 2

**Que. 14** In these questions, the first and last sentences of the passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R, and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentences carefully and find out the correct sequence of the sentences.

**S1: A gentleman who lived alone always had two plates placed on the table at dinner time.**

P : One day just as he sat down to dine, the cat rushed into the room.

Q : One plate was for himself and the other was for his cat.

R : she dropped a mouse into her own plate and another into her master plate.

S : He used to give the cat a piece of meat from his own plate.

**S6: In this way, the cat showed her gratitude to her master.**

1. QSPR
2. PSRQ
3. QRPS
4. RPQS

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 1

**Que. 15** **Directions:** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Your answers to these questions should be based on the passage only.

The best way to ensure peace is to make life comfortable for the world's majority. To a large extent, this has been achieved. Before the world wars, comfort was a privilege for a few affluent people in high society. Now, we have reached a minimum critical mass for the comfort level, such that it does not pay to fight anymore. In the present consumer-oriented culture, people want jobs, money, exposure, entertainment, products, and services. They are least concerned about conflict and confrontation. They are part of the new 'ME' generation that is concerned only about personal freedom and personal prosperity and is least bothered about wars and victories. The new awakening offers great hope for a free, fair, and flexible world full of enjoyable opportunities to travel, entertain and explore.

What phrase does the author use to describe the present day culture?

1. Conflict-oriented
2. Consumer-oriented
3. People-oriented
4. Freedom-oriented

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 2

**Que. 16** The 'ME' generation in the passage addresses

1. The victorious

2. The selfless
3. The women of today
4. The selfish

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 4

**Que. 17** In the given question, a sentence is given with a part of it missing and represented by a blank. Choose the phrase that can be placed in the given blank to make a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence.

A short hour-long drive from the Doon Valley, Mussoorie is a charming little hill station \_\_\_\_\_ at an altitude of 1880 m in the Garhwal hills.

1. cocooned
2. exposed
3. denuded
4. none of these

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 1

**Que. 18** Identify the best way to complete the given sentence.

To evaluate reading comprehension at class III level, students may be asked to-----

1. Retell a story in their own words or to summarise the main idea or the moral the story
2. take a short dictation of what they have read
3. write a diary based on one of the characters
4. use a set of identified vocabulary on their own

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 1

**Que. 19** In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which will improve the bracketed part of the sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select "no improvement".

Students (are making) to work in the garden.

1. Is made
2. Was made
3. Are made
4. No improvement

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 3

**Que. 20** **Direction:** In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.

India's history and culture are \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_, spanning back to the beginning of human civilization. It begins with a mysterious \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ along the Indus River and in farming communities in the southern lands of India. The history of India is punctuated by the constant integration of migrating people with the diverse cultures that surround India. Available evidence suggests that the use of iron, copper, and other metals was widely prevalent in the Indian sub-continent at a fairly early period, which is indicative of the progress that this part of the world had made. By the end of the fourth millennium BC, India had emerged as a region of highly developed civilization. The History of India begins with the birth of the Indus Valley Civilization, more precisely known as the Harappan Civilization. It \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ around 2,500 BC, in the western part of South Asia, what today is Pakistan and Western India.

Which of these words most appropriately fits the blank labelled (1)?

1. lethargic
2. dynamic
3. inactive
4. lazy

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 2

**Que. 21** Which of these words most appropriately fits the blank labelled (2)?

1. fight
2. inelegance
3. family
4. culture

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 4

**Que. 22** Which of these words most appropriately fits the blank labelled (3)?

1. halted
2. twirled
3. flourished
4. withered

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 3

**Que. 23** Choose the right word to fill in the blank

According to NCF 2005 (3.1.3), "at the initial stages of learning any language, a \_\_\_ may be used as one of the languages for learning activities to create an awareness of the world in the child".

1. English
2. Vernacular language
3. Second language
4. Hindi

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 2

**Que. 24** The below question contains a paragraph of 6 sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning and end and numbered 1 and 6 respectively. The four sentences in the middle are jumbled and labelled P, Q, R and S. Identify the proper order of these four sentences and mark the correct option.

1. In 1857, fighting broke out all over the country.
  - P. Everywhere the people rose in rebellion.
  - Q. In March 1858, British troops attacked the fort at Jhansi.
  - R. Thousands of people were killed on both sides.
  - S. The British fought back.
  6. the Rani's troops fought back bravely.
1. P S R Q
  2. Q R P S



3. Q S R P

4. S Q R P

**Testbook Solution** Correct Option - 1

