

VERBAL PRACTICE SHEET -7

Directions: In the question given below there are two statements, each statement consists of two blanks. You have to choose the option which provides the correct set of words that fits both the blanks in both the statements appropriately and in the same order making them meaningful and grammatically correct.

1. I. The Programme _____ is radical because the exercise envisages a serious re-imagination of government and governance, and _____ cooperative federalism.

II. The book turned movie boasts of an ingeniously _____ production and _____ the original work, at times even surpassing it.

- ☒ A. Perceived, lightens B. conceived, deepens
C. Born, jokes D. Conceptualized, satire
E. None of the above

2. I. India is a _____ after destination for medical tourism, but in the area of early screening and intervention it is still _____ behind, and early developmental screening is more the exception than the rule.

II. The minister interacted with the local residents and _____ their feedback on the developmental policies as he wanted to know why the district, which was a knowledge hub earlier, was presently _____ in crucial indicators of development.

- ☒ A. Sought, lagging B. Sort, moving
C. Wanted, crawling D. Required, running
E. None of the above

3. I. The company has extensively invested resources to ensure the delivery of goods goes on _____ and also to develop an _____ service that incorporates various distribution channels in line with investors' preference.

II. From wheels to smart phones, technology has _____ transformed lives but it is high time modern technologies became _____ and stopped turning a blind eye to elderly users.

- A. Suddenly, exclusive B. Smooth, excluded
C. Brokenly, included. ☒ D. Seamlessly, inclusive E. None of the above

4. I. The government has _____ over Rs 35,000 crore in cess for the welfare of construction workers employed in the high-risk and hazardous construction industry

that is mostly _____ by private companies.

II. Chinese mobile phone maker Huawei said it never _____ or stored Facebook user data, after the social media giant acknowledged it gave access of data to such handset manufacturers albeit in a _____ way.

- A. Taken, owned B. Withdrawn, vague
C. Collected, controlled D. Get, constricted
E. None of the above

5. I. Even though weather conditions were _____ for executing the project, sheer _____ coupled with a laidback attitude led to an opportunity being wasted.

II. The _____ treatment given to corporate agriculture and a culture of _____ and disregard for small farmers is killing India's agricultural sector, and killing the farmers themselves.

- A. Bad, enthusiasm B. good, energy
C. Habitual, shame D. Favourable, negligence E. None of the above

6. I. Apple's recently updated _____ for developers on its App Store would _____ apps from selling information collected from user's address book to other people.

II. Facebook has updated its advertising _____ to _____ ads for weapon accessories to users under the age of 18, the media reported.

- A. Rules, Prevent B. Policy, Prohibit
C. Criteria, Protect D. Interface, Allow
E. None of the above.

7. I. A Minneapolis City Council committee will vote Tuesday on an _____ that would require companies to obtain a license to _____ the rental electric scooters in the city.

II. The government passed the first reading of an _____ to _____ the machines that will support major aspects of construction for the project.

- A. Decision, Regulate B. Order, Pass
C. Indictment, Issue D. Ordinance, Operate
E. None of the above

8. I. President Trump says he is confident North Korean leader Kim Jong Un would _____ an agreement they reached last month to _____ denuclearization.

II. The students held a ceremony in _____ of their new professor who left engineering to _____ teaching.

- A. Condemn, Follow ☒ B. Honor, Pursue
C. End, Achieve. D. Reverence, Halt
E. None of the above

9. I. In the seventies, one school of thought believed that inflation was a _____ of class _____, or at least conflict between different sections of society for a share of the economic pie.

II. Corporations and wealthy individuals have more money to pour into political campaigns and as a _____ they get a better deal, while labor unions have far less because America's shift from farm to factory was accompanied by decades of bloody labor _____.

- A. result, skirmish ☒ B. consequence, conflict
C. outcome, struggle ☒ D. reaction, dispute
E. None of the above

10. I. Today there are tens of millions of Indians living in _____ corners of the country who don't have access to some of the basic _____ city dwellers take for granted.

II. Use of geo-spatial techniques like _____ sensing can be of immense help in identifying villages lacking in basic _____ and ensuring their all round development at micro-level.

- A. isolated, facilities ☒ B. distant, infrastructures
C. remote, amenities. D. inaccessible, utilities
E. None of the above

Directions: The given sentence has been broken up into four different parts. The error, if any, will be in any one part of the sentence. Select the option which contains the part of the sentence which has an error (spelling, grammatical or contextual). If there is no error, choose option E.

11. The world recyclable plastic is (A) / being shipped to Asia where it is (B) / illegally dumped, buried or burned (C) / with the lightest regulations. (D) / No error

12. The model is based on legislation drafted (A) / in France where businesses are required (B) / to send scrap food to (C) / waste management plants to be used as a fertiliser. (D) / No error

13. The serial blasts on Easter ranks (A) / as the worst bloodbath (C) / Sri Lanka has seen since (C) / the end of the civil war in 2009. (D) / No error (E)

14. More men than (A) / women are likely to (B) / suffer head and neck cancer (C) / in today's era. / No error (E)

15. India is adequately prepared (A) / to deal in the situation (B) / after the US ended (C) / waivers on Iran sanctions. (D) / No error (E)

16. Election Commission has recently (A) / barred a popular Congress leader (B) / from campaigning for 72 hours (C) / for his alleged communal remarks during an election. (D) / No error (E)

17. E.M. Forster wrote his novel (A) / A Passage to India after multiple trips (B) / to the country (C) / through his early life. (D) / No error (E)

18. The Bill allows only (A) / close Indian relatives (B) / to be surrogate mothers and (C) / purely for altruistic reasons. (D) / No error (E)

19. Fining people (A) / who violates (B) / silence zone norms (C) / will not curb noise pollution. (D) / No error (E)

20. Ultimately, it is only strong public opinion (A) / that can move (B) / the political class (C) / to implement 2006 directives. (D) / No error (E)

Directions: Which of the following phrases (A), (B), (C) and (D) can replace the phrase in bold so as to make the statement correct grammatically and contextually? If the statement does not need any correction, mark option E as your answer.

21. Cash transfers to the poor do not **ensue accessibility**, affordability or even sustained economic security given falling real wages.

- A. Ensure accessibility B. Ensure excesses
C. Ensures accessibility. D. Assure formality
E. None correction required

22. With the election **round a corner** and data revealing that the unemployment rate has hit a 45-year high, there is a spike in concern for the economic security of the people.

- A. In the corner B. Over the corner
C. Around the corner D. For in corner
E. No correction required

23. Afghanistan **has historically be an difficult place** for external invaders, thanks to its complex tribal equations and its rugged mountainous terrain.

- A. historic has a difficult place

- ☒ B. historically been a difficult place
- C. historically being a difficult place
- D. historically been a difficult places
- E. No correction required

24. While all rights are available to citizens, persons including foreign citizens **are entitle to the rights** to equality and the right to life, among others.

- A. is entitled to the right
- ☒ B. are entitled for the right
- C. are entitled to a rights
- ☒ D. are entitled to the right
- E. No correction required

25. The prospects for Britain's orderly withdrawal from the European Union on March 29 **have receded further**, even as MPs rallied to stop a no-deal scenario.

- A. had recede further
- B. have recedes further
- ☒ C. has receded further
- D. have receded for further
- ☒ E. No correction required

26. **Preserving and to restore forests are** an effective step toward mitigating climate change, and comes with a host of other benefits.

- A. Preserving to restore forests is
- ☒ B. Preserving and restoring forests is
- C. To preserve restoring of forests is
- D. To preserve and to restore forests are
- E. No correction required

27. A new scientific report finds human behaviors are driving the extinction **for non-human species on a severely** rate.

- A. for non-human spice at a severely
- B. of non-humanly species on a severe
- ☒ C. of non-human species at a severe
- D. of non-human species about a severe
- ☒ E. No correction required

28. With the world's population expected to reach 9.6 billion **in 2050 and continued to grow in demand of** meat, the livestock sector is facing renewed pressure to provide the nutrition to feed that many mouths—sustainably.

- A. by 2050 and continued to grow in demand for B. in 2050 and continued growth in demand of
- C. in 2050 and continues growing in demand for D. by 2050 and continued growth in demand for
- E. No correction required

29. The Bar Council of Delhi's directive to the Big Four accountancy firms not to offer legal services to their clients in India **has been a responsive move that is transparent protectionist in intent.**

- ☒ A. is a rhetoric move that is transparent protectionist in intent
- ☒ B. is a retrograde move that is transparently protectionist of intent
- ☐ C. is a rhetoric move that is transparently puerile in intent
- ☐ D. is a retrograde move that is transparently protectionist in intent
- ☐ E. No correction required

30. An ad hoc committee, following an informal procedure, has concluded that the **allegations have no substance against the Chief Justice of India, but the finding** will not be made public.

- ☒ A. alleging against the Chief Justice of India has not substance, but the findings
- ☐ B. allegations has no substance against the Chief Justice of India, but the findings
- ☒ C. allegations against the Chief Justice of India have no substance, but the findings
- ☐ D. alleging the Chief Justice of India has not substances, but the findings
- ☐ E. No correction required

READING COMPREHENSION:

A new and extreme tourist attraction has just exploded on to the scene in Iceland: Volcano Walking. It would appear, according to Trip Advisor, that this is one trip that cannot be missed, despite the extortionate cost. The idea of making Thrihnukagigur volcano accessible was the brainchild of Ami B. Stefansson, a doctor in Reykjavik and a lifelong cave enthusiast. He has been studying caves in Iceland since 1954 and some would argue that there is no-one who has more experience. Thrihnukagigur has always been special to Stefansson ever since he was the first to descend down to the crater base in 1974. Like most people who experience it, he was utterly spellbound by its uniqueness and beauty and made it his mission to protect and preserve this stunning natural phenomenon. Unlike others who may have only seen the profit that could be made from walking into the mouth of a volcano, Stefansson believed that the primary focus was to treat such a grand natural wonder with the utmost respect, to protect and defend it.

The first 'volcano tourists' entered the volcano in 2005 and it has since been labelled as one of the most unique tourist attractions in the world. Volcano walkers are taken to the mouth of the crater from where they are lowered in a basket into the depths of the earth. People once thought that volcanoes were portals to Hell and associated with death and destruction and yet the entrance to the crater is awe-inspiring and almost ethereal. The vastness of it can feel overwhelming; it is the size of a cathedral and the Statue of Liberty could easily fit into the shaft. After 6 minutes and 120 metres, visitors arrive at the crater base. The ground space is the size

of three full-sized basketball courts placed next to each other. At the bottom there is a reverent hush. People whisper in respect to the sleeping giant who has lain dormant for 4,000 years. The subterranean walls are scorched with colours from a divine palette: magenta red, vibrant purple, burnt orange, vivid green and honey yellow.

The colour intensifies in certain places where 4000 years ago the magma was pushed out with brutal force. This is Mother Nature's secret place, her private art studio where visitors feel like trespassers. The protruding rock faces show a tapestry of patterns and formations that have been molded by heat, pressure and time. Floodlights illuminate the walls and draw attention to the beauty humans were never intended to see. A light rain weeps from the porous rock above and covers the crater sides with a shine that makes it sparkle. The scorch marks can be seen close up – at one point in time these rock faces were glowing red with fiery heat. This giant, although sleeping, is still dangerous: an 80-metre drop into the void is disguised by a collection of rocks close to where visitors stand. It is a soul-enriching experience and visitors often report feeling deeply moved by the beauty and tranquillity of something that was once so destructive and angry. Confronted with this result of the unrestrained forces of nature, it is hard not to feel small and powerless in comparison. Sadly, the magical spell is broken when the basket appears, indicating that it is time for visitors to return to reality. On the return hike, visitors walk across the lava fields as though they are astronauts on the moon. They pass enormous open wounds where the landscape is literally tearing itself apart as tectonic plates slowly shift. It serves as one final reminder that this giant is merely dormant, not dead.

31. How do tourists reach the base of the crater?

- ☒ A. They descend in a basket
- ☐ B. They go across lava fields
- ☐ C. They go through the tectonic plates
- ☐ D. They walk down

32. What is the most appropriate title for the passage?

- ☒ A. Adventures of a Cave Enthusiast
- ☒ B. Volcano Walking- A Unique Experience
- ☐ C. Harnessing of Destructive Forces
- ☒ D. The Mysteries of the Subterranean

33. The volcano is referred to as the 'sleeping giant' in the passage because

- ☒ A. it is a dormant volcano
- ☐ B. it is very deep
- ☐ C. it is an active volcano
- ☐ D. it is very destructive

34. Why is the bottom of the volcano called 'nature's art studio'?

- ✓ A the rocks sparkle with a divine light
✓ B. the walls are covered with patterns in bright hues
C. it looks like a cathedral
D. the entrance is vast and ethereal

ARTICLES:

Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains an error.

35. An university is a great place for learning and teaching.

- ✓ A. An university
B. for learning
C is a great place
D. and teaching

36. Antique diamond necklace / was stolen / from the museum.

- A. was stolen
B. from the museum
✓ C. Antique diamond necklace
D. No error

Directions: Write the correct article.

37. Ron is doing his post-doc in _____ United States and has no plan to return here soon.

- ✓ A. the
B. a
C. an
D. More than one of the above
E. None of the above

38. The family went to see _____ London Bridge.

- A. a
✓ B. the
C. an
D. More than one of the above
E. None of the above

PARAJUMBLED SENTENCES:

- 39.A. By reasoning, we mean the mental process of drawing an inference from two or more statements or going from the inference to the statements, which yield that inference.
B. So logical reasoning covers those types of questions, which imply drawing an inference from the problems.
C. Logic means if we take its original meaning, the science of valid reasoning.
D. Clearly, for understanding arguments and for drawing the inference correctly, it is necessary that we should understand the statements first

☒ A) ACBD ☒ B) CABD ☐ C) ABCD ☐ D) DBCA

40.S1: *Commercially reared chicken can be unusually aggressive, and are often kept in darkened sheds to prevent them from pecking at each other.*

- A. The birds spent far more of their time — up to a third — pecking at the inanimate objects in the pens, in contrast to birds in other pens which spent a lot of time attacking others.
B. In low light conditions, they behave less belligerently but are more prone to ophthalmic disorders and respiratory problems.
C. In an experiment, aggressive head-pecking was all but eliminated among birds in the enriched environment.
D. Altering the birds' environment, by adding bales of wood-shavings to their pens, can work wonders.

S6. *Bales could diminish aggressiveness and reduce injuries; they might even improve productivity since a happy chicken is a productive chicken*

A) DCAB ☒ B) CDAB ☐ C) DBAC ☒ D) BDCA

SYNONYMS:

41.AUGUST

- A)Common
B)Ridiculous
C)Dignified
D)Petty

42.EMBEZZLE

- A)Misappropriate
B)Balance
C)Remunerate
D)Clear

43.STRINGENT

- A)Dry

- B) Strained
- C) Rigorous
- D) Shrill

ANTONYMS:

44. Diligent

- a) lazy
- b) hardworking
- c) active
- d) diligent

45. Ample

- a) scarce
- b) enough
- c) plenty
- d) sufficient