

VERBAL PRACTICE SHEET - 8

**Direction: In each of the questions given below, a paragraph is given which has some blanks and those blanks have to be filled with the same word out of five words given below it. You have to choose that same word as your answer and fill up the blanks with that appropriate word.**

1. You should not make any \_\_\_\_\_ remark against your colleagues since they are with you through thick and thin. If they also revert with any \_\_\_\_\_ comment you may not be able to tolerate it at your end. Therefore, it is in your own best interests that you should refrain from making \_\_\_\_\_ comment on anybody.

- A. Docile    B. Destructive    C. Derogatory  
D. Eccentric.    E. None of the above

2. The way that he is progressing in life it can be said that he has quite a \_\_\_\_\_ future. If something is not done to correct this, nobody will be able to change this \_\_\_\_\_ picture that is being painted by him only. This can well be understood from the \_\_\_\_\_ look in the eyes of his parents and teachers.

- A. Callous    B. Bleak    C. Earnest  
D. Benevolent.    E. None of the above

3. It is very important to \_\_\_\_\_ to rules and regulations in life if you want to achieve something. If you are a person who hates discipline and cannot \_\_\_\_\_ to any stupid set of norms, you should definitely opt for startup stints. There you will not have to \_\_\_\_\_ anything fixed and you can only focus on your performance.

- A. Attest.    B. Adhere    C. Abate  
D. Reject    E. None of the above

4. His concern for the affected children is so \_\_\_\_\_ that it can be understood without giving much thought. It is not his fault though because all his family members are \_\_\_\_\_ in all their dealings and they do not care much about anything in life. It is because of this \_\_\_\_\_ nature of his family that they have not got many friends in the neighbourhood.

- A. Stupendous    B. Superficial.    C. Substantial  
D. Spurious    E. None of the above

5. \_\_\_\_\_ people hardly find it difficult to manage multiple things in life simultaneously but normal people suffer in such situations. That is one trait that makes the \_\_\_\_\_ persons different from the rest of the lot though other qualities also should be taken into account. That is why people are mostly envious of \_\_\_\_\_ people as they will never be able to match their caliber.

- A. Lucid    B. Functional    C. Successful  
D. Sterile    E. None of the above

6. The \_\_\_\_\_ between both the parties was signed by the representatives from the two leading firms. Most of the board members were in \_\_\_\_\_ with the proposal to merge the two companies for the purpose of survival. This \_\_\_\_\_ will pave the way for further development of the sector in the country.

- A. Agreement B. Custom C. Victory  
D. Ratification E. None of the above

7. Nobody knew that such an \_\_\_\_\_ situation would arrive at the venue full with guests and celebrities. Everybody was giving \_\_\_\_\_ smile without understanding what to do next. The \_\_\_\_\_ situation was tackled very well by the hosts and the anchors present there without compromising much.

- A. Authentic B. Awkward C. Earnest  
D. Ideal E. None of the above

8. We had a very \_\_\_\_\_ chat during the whole interview process but I fail to understand why they have not selected me. The panel members were very \_\_\_\_\_ in pointing out the fact that I would fit in their scheme of things perfectly. They even appreciated my \_\_\_\_\_ responses to all their questions.

- A. Candid B. Utility C. Celebrated  
D. Liberal E. None of the above

9. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ that can stop a winner since the will to win is more important than anything. Any \_\_\_\_\_ coming in between you and your destination can be used as an experience. This experience will give you mental strength to face any such \_\_\_\_\_ in the future.

- A. Abash B. Adversity C. Axiom  
D. Bewitching E. None of the above

10. There is no point in harboring any kind of \_\_\_\_\_ against anybody for a long point of time. The \_\_\_\_\_ that you are holding against a person is actually holding you back. You need to understand that in order to be happy you should let certain things go and a long-pending \_\_\_\_\_ is one of them.

- A. Gratitude B. Hapless C. Grudge  
D. Glut 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. To an insurance company, (A) / the law relating to (B) / the principles of subrogation and (C) / contribution are of great importance. (D) / No Error (E)

12. My uncle said that (A) / he would reach to (B) / the bus stand with all his (C) / belongings within an hour. (D) / No Error (E)

13. The dictator sentenced the social activist (A) / to ten years of rigorous imprisonment (B) / just because she vouched for (C) / women empowerment in a blog. (D) / No Error

14. Euthanasia is basically killing of (A) / patients by doctors at the instance (B) / of the patient in order to free him or her from (C) / exhilarating pain or from terminal illness. (D) / No Error (E)

15. The waiter of the new (A) / restaurant asked me if he should (B) / bring me the special dish (C) / prepared by their chef. (D) / No Error (E)

16. The cancer patient is comparatively better (A) / today and the doctor hopes (B) / that he will go into (C) / remission soon. (D) / No Error (E)

17. At the age of twenty, (A) / he became Bollywood's (B) / one of the most (C) / sought actors. (D) / No Error (E)

18. Through social media information (A) / can be transmitted in a fraction of a second, (B) / often giving rise to (C) / fake and fabricated news. (D) / No Error (E)

19. Properties of the willful defaulters (A) / were confiscated by the government (B) / last month after the Enforcement Directorate (C) / filed charge sheet against them. (D) / No Error (E)

20. Millions of people may be (A) / displaced and thousands of cities (B) / may drown because of melting glaciers (C) / and raising sea levels. (D) / No Error (E)

**Directions: Please read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Employment by a big company is, perhaps, the best job a young educated aspirant would look forward to. Government jobs are preferred, in general, to private sector jobs. Large companies are usually considered to be the best employers. A proxy for growth in headcount would be the growth in what the companies spend on compensation to employees. Growth in this would reflect a growth in the headcount and the growth in wages paid. We find that this growth rate has been falling. CMIE's Prowess database shows a steady fall in the rate of growth of compensation paid by companies to employees since 2013-14. The database includes performance information on a large sample of listed and unlisted companies of all sizes and industries. Compensation to employees grew by 25 per cent in 2013-14. The growth rate halved to 12 per cent in 2014-15 and then it fell further to 11 per cent in 2016-17. In 2017-18, the growth rate fell to 8.4 per cent. From this, it wouldn't be entirely wrong to infer that the corporate sector's appetite for new hiring has been declining quite sharply. 2017-18 saw the slowest

growth in the past eight years, or since the year after the Lehman crisis of 2008 when the compensation to employees grew by only 7.7 per cent. The Prowess database also shows that the corporate sector registered a fall in growth in fixed assets to 6.9 per cent in 2017-18. Growth of investments into the job-creating plant and machinery part of fixed assets was even lower at 5.9 per cent. Both were the lowest since 2004-05. Evidently, the two declines in growth rates — plant and machinery and wages go hand-in-hand. The lack of investments into fresh capacities is hurting growth in employment. We see the same fall in investments in another dataset — capex and the same fall in employment in yet another dataset — the Consumer Pyramids Household Survey. The evidence of falling growth in investments and employment during the recent past is therefore overwhelming. Some of the growth in compensation to employees can be explained as a consequence of inflation and given that inflation has been much

lower in recent years compared to the past, it would be good to correct the growth numbers for inflation. We do this using the consumer price index for recent years and the consumer price index for industrial workers for earlier years. Now we see inflation-adjusted compensation to employees grow by only 4.6 per cent in 2017-18. This is lower than the already-low average growth of 5.5 per cent seen in the preceding three years. The average real compensation to employees grew at the rate of 5.3 per cent per annum in the four years between 2014-15 and 2017-18. The industry-wise distribution of this growth in inflation-adjusted compensation to employees shows some sharp variations between major sectors. The services sector has seen a

very small growth in compensation to employees in 2017-18. Compared to the overall growth of 4.6 per cent, the services sector saw a growth of only 2.2 per cent.

21. Which of the following statements is/are true according to the CMIE Prowess dataset?

- A. Rate of growth of compensation paid by companies to employees has registered deceleration since 2013-14.
- B. Compensation to employees grew by 35 per cent in 2013-14.
- C. Corporate sector's appetite for new hiring has been enhancing.
- D. Year 2014-15 witnessed the slowest growth rate in compensation to employees since the Lehman crisis of 2008.
- E. All of the above are true.

22. Which of the following words is nearly similar in meaning to 'proxy' as written in bold?

- A. Subsidiary
- B. Something used to represent something else
- C. Proximity
- D. Prowl
- E. None of the above

23. Which part of speech is the word 'Sharp' given in bold in the passage?

- A. Noun
- B. Verb
- C. Adverb
- D. Adjective
- E. None of the above

24. What does the sentence "the two declines in growth rates — plant and machinery and wages go hand-in-hand" indicate?

- A. Unless we invest in job creating fixed assets, capacity to absorb work force, wages will not increase.
- B. Reduced investments in fixed assets reduce overall company fixed costs.
- C. Rate of investments in capital expenditure and compensation paid match correspondingly.
- D. Real growth rate is achieved by taking inflation into account as per RBI estimates.
- E. None of the above.

25. If the term 'Inflation adjusted compensation' as used in the passage implies 'compensation adjusted as per inflation', which of the following statements best refers to the term in the intended context?

- A. Social Security benefits are subject to cost-of-living adjustments based on inflation.
- B. Inflation causes the purchasing power of workers that make the minimum wage to decline over time.
- C. Employers must adjust the wages they pay employees upward over time to ensure that employees are able to enjoy the same standard of living over time.
- D. If the cost of hiring an additional worker exceeds the revenue that the new worker will produce, the business will lose profit by hiring the new worker.
- E. None of the above

26. Growth in compensation in which of the following sectors was lower than the overall growth in 2017-18?

- A. Services Sector.                      B. CPI for Industrial Workers C.Capital Goods Sector D. Public Sector
- E. None of the above

27. Which of the following can be the title of the passage?

- A. Compensation crisis in Indian Markets
- B. Steady slowdown in Indian Job Market
- C. After effects of Lehman Crisis
- D. Tepid corporate investments and economic growth post Lehman crisis
- E. The causes and effect of unemployment in India

28. Which of the following statements can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Services Sector B. CPI for Industrial Workers C. Capital Goods Sector
- D. Public Sector E. None of the above

**Choose the correct synonym of the given words:**

29. Qualm

- (A) Attribute (B) Altercation (C) Scruple (D) Crisis

30.Abortive

- (A) Fruitful                      (B) Familiar  
(C) Financing.                (D) Unsuccessful

31.Benign

- (A) Gentle                      (B) Peaceful  
(C) Favourable.                (D) Wavering

32.Bountiful

- (A) Spiritual (B) Shameful(C) Generous(D) Pretty

33.Brazen

- (A) Melodramatic.            (B) Pleasant  
(C) Shameless.                (D) Modest

**Choose the correct Antonyms of the given words:**

34. He was just IDLE by temperament.

- A.employed B.occupied C.industrious D.happy

35.The habit of SQUANDERING money should not be encouraged.

- A.discarding B.hoarding C.donating D.stealing

36. He fell foul of me when I asked him to apologise to his teacher.

- A.quarreled with me  
B.attacked me  
C.made friends with me  
D.showed appreciation for me

37. It was a mystery as to where the young girl had acquired such a NAIVE belief.

- A.credulous B.childlike C.wise D.innocent

**Direction : Choose the option which gives the correct sequence in which the words should be arranged to make a meaningful sentence**

38.deserve all honour in society (P)/ in doing their job well (Q)/ men of conscience who take pride (R)/ whatever its nature (S)/

The correct sequence should be

- A.R Q S P  
B.Q R P S  
C.P R S Q  
D.S P Q R

39. **I believed then** that no matter (P)/ one should always find some time for exercise (Q)/ and I believe even now (R)/ the amount of work one has (S)/

The correct sequence should be

- A. P R Q S
- B. P S R Q
- C. R P Q S
- D. R P S Q

40. **The bird-catcher by** means of snares (P)/ knew all the birds of the forest (Q)/ by the hundred (R)/ and was accustomed to capturing the winged creatures (S)/

The correct sequence should be

- A. Q P S R
- B. Q S R P
- C. P Q S R
- D. P R Q S

41. **Seventy-two people** reports PTI (P)/ were affected by food poisoning (Q)/ including several women and children (R)/ of the central part of the city (S)/

The correct sequence should be

- A. S P Q R
- B. P Q R S
- C. R S P Q
- D. R S Q P

42. **The Prime Minister declared that** those states (P)/ will get all help and aid (Q)/ where family planning (R)/ is effected very efficiently (S)/

The correct sequence should be

- A. P R S Q
- B. P Q R S
- C. R S P Q
- D. Q P S R

43. **Hardly had my brother descended from the plane** when the people (P)/ waved and cheered (Q)/ who had come to receive him (R)/ from the lounge (S)/

The correct sequence should be

- A. P R Q S
- B. P Q R S
- C. S P Q R
- D. P R S Q

44. **Mohan, the son of my friend**, gave me a set of pens (P)/ which is very precious (Q)/ while working in Japan (R)/ who died in an accident (S)/

The correct sequence should be

- A. P Q R S
- B. S R P Q
- C. R S P Q
- D. S P Q R

45. **There must be countries now in which peasants** can spend several years in universities (P)/ so that (Q)/ a lot of young persons (R)/ are going without substantial meals (S)/

The correct sequence should be

- A. S R Q P
- B. P Q R S
- C. S Q R P
- D. Q P S R

46. **The Principal has issued a notice** will have to vacate the hostel(P)/ that those junior doctors(Q)/ if they fail to join duty by Monday next(R)/ who are participating in the strike(S)

The correct sequence should be

- A. QSPR
- B. RQSP
- C. PRQS
- D. QRSP

47. **I have read** who by some mysterious laws of her nature(P)/ in the form of a foul and poisonous snake(Q)/ the story of a fairy,(R)/ was condemned to appear in certain seasons(S)

The correct sequence should be

- A. QRSP
- B. PQRS
- C. RQPS
- D. RPSQ

48. It rained and thundered and the child(P)/ who was collecting clothes on the line(Q)/ ran upto his mother(R)/ to save them from getting wet(S)

The correct sequence should be

- A. PQRS
- B. PRQS
- C. PSRQ
- D. PQSR



**Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution'.**

49. Music soothes and relieves you of any stress and negative emotions.

- A. would soothes and relief
- ☒ B. No substitution
- ☒ C. soothe and reliefs
- D. will soothe and relief

50. You must employ additional hands in complete the project in time.

- ☒ A. in completing the project in time
- ☒ B. for completing the project of time
- C. No substitution required
- ☒ D. to complete the project

51. She has let herself be gone after her divorce.

- ☒ A. let herself go
- B. let herself gone
- C. let her go in
- D. let herself going

52. He was looking into his book for the last two hours but couldn't find it.

- ☒ A. looking down on his book
- B. looking above his book
- ☒ C. looking for his book
- D. looking after his book

53. We want to divide the expenses between the three of us.

- A. at
- ☒ B. among
- C. from
- D. for

54. The mob drove on the rampage and looted several shops in the locality.

- A. played on the rampage
- ☒ B. went on the rampage
- C. ran on the rampage
- D. strolled on the rampage

### **Questions on ARTICLES**

55. Karun has a X-ray machine A)/ which is very significant for B)/ him due to many reasons. C)/ No error D.

56. Sunil refused to / attend the meeting / of association on Saturday.

57. Today, in fit of frenzied rage and / jealousy, you would have/ killed me, your brother.

58. \_\_\_\_\_ UN officials greeted the people on \_\_\_\_\_ occasion of Diwali.

- A. An, the
- B. The, the
- C. An, an
- D. The, an

59. When \_\_\_\_\_ Moon comes in between  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sun and the Earth, then it is called the lunar eclipse.

- A. an-the
- B. an-a
- C. the-the
- D. a-the

60. The Amazon in Brazil is \_\_\_\_\_ longest river in \_\_\_\_\_ South America.

- A. the, no article
- B. the, the
- C. a, the
- D. no article, the