

**Grammar Questions**

Directions for questions 1 to 5: In each of the following sentences, four words or phrases are underlined. You should choose the one word or phrase which would be not appropriate in standard written English. Mark e) if you think that the sentence has no error.

1. The hardest part of the job is the bending once a minute and then lifting the weight.

- a) hardest      b) job      c) is the bending      d) lifting the      e) none of the above

2. Since I had forgotten all my mathematical concepts I had to start from the scratch.

- a) I had      b) all my      c) I had      d) the scratch      e) none of the above

3. Modi has recently been selected as the representative to the Sri Lanka.

- a) been      b) selected      c) the      d) the Sri Lanka      e) none of the above

4. His report, including thorough notes on the background investigation, were well received.

- a) including      b) thorough notes      c) the background  
d) were      e) none of the above

5. This is one of the four primary libraries that are supported by our organization.

- a) this is      b) one of the      c) libraries      d) that are      e) none of the above

**Sentence Completion**

1. The doctor advised him to include mango in his diet, \_\_\_\_\_ of Vitamins A, C and D.

- A. that is adequate      B. that provided him  
C. which is richly supplied      D. which is a rich source

2. Spielberg is going to be nominated to receive the Academy Award for the best director, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. won't he      B. didn't he      C. doesn't he      D. isn't he

3. In many ways, riding a bicycle is similar to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the driving of a car      B. when you drive a car  
C. driving a car      D. when driving a car

4. Several of these washers and dryers are not in order and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. need to be repairing      B. repairing is required to them  
C. require that they be repaired      D. need to be repaired

5. To answer accurately is more important than \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. a quick finish      B. finishing quickly      C. to finish quickly      D. you finish quickly
6. When a person is given certain duties to perform, he must be \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. given necessary authority also      B. enforced with law as well  
C. assigned necessary duties      D. able to realize law

**Sentence Improvement**

In each of the statements below, a part of the sentence is underlined.

Out of the four options that follow, choose the one which best replaces the highlighted phrase.

1. One cannot be indifferent to one's health, can't one?  
A) can't be      B) can one      C) isn't it      D) no change
2. I've met two women, whom, I believe, were hospital nurses.  
A) whom, I believe      B) who, I believe      C) each, I believe      D) whom, I am sure
3. The use of radar as well as two-way radio paging make it possible for state police to intercept most speeders.  
A) make it possible      B) makes it possible      C) allows the possibility      D) makes possible
4. No sooner had he entered the room when the lights went out.  
A) when the lights went out      B) than the lights went out  
C) and the lights went out      D) then the lights went out
5. If neither of them are to be trusted, it is not advisable to invest.  
A) were to be trusted      B) has to be trusted      C) is to be trusted      D) no improvement
6. The train was late for thirty minutes.  
A) from      B) by      C) around      D) no change
7. My father is suffering from diabetes for the past three years.  
A) is suffer      B) has been suffering      C) has suffered      D) no improvement
8. She was more beautiful than either of her three sisters.  
A) either of her three sister      B) any of her three sisters  
C) all of her three sisters      D) no improvement

Each of the following sentences are divided into parts, which are marked A, B, C, and D. One of these parts may contain an error or may not be acceptable in standard written communication. Mark that part as your answer.

1. The scenery (A)/of Kodaikanal (B)/ are not (C)/doubt very beautiful (D)/No error (E).
2. Most of (A)/the five-years (B)/plans of India (C)/ have been (D)/successful. No error (E).
3. One of (A)/my student (B)/told me (C)/that she has failed (D)/in English. No error (E).
4. She is (A)/more cleverer (B)/than any (C)/other girl of (D)/her age. No error (E).
5. Harder (A)/you work (B)/, the better (C)/division you (D)/get. No error (E).