

1. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. **"To prime the pump"**
 - a) To use a pump efficiently
 - b) Ask others to be ambitious
 - c) Encourage the growth or action of something
 - d) Manipulate someone to achieve success

2. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
"She is laughing at me".
 - a) I had been laughed by her.
 - b) I am being laughed at by her.
 - c) I was being laughed at by her.
 - d) I have been laughed by her.

3. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given word. **"Harangue"**
 - a) Strict disciplinarian
 - b) A lengthy and aggressive speech
 - c) Airplane shed
 - d) Breaker of idols

4. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. **"They have disposed all the old books."**
 - a) disposed by
 - b) disposed on
 - c) disposed of
 - d) disposed out

5. The sentence given below has one misspelt word. Spot the **INCORRECTLY** spelt word and select its correct spelling. **"Last-bench students are mysterious by nature."**
 - a) Misterious
 - b) Misterous
 - c) Mystirious
 - d) Mysterious

6. Select the **INCORRECTLY** spelt word.
 - a) Reasonable
 - b) Blessed
 - c) Laughable
 - d) Prophane

7. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the bracketed segment in the given sentence. **"The river (flowing) under the bridge."**
 - a) was flow
 - b) is flow
 - c) flows
 - d) is flowed

8. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
 Sky appears blue / as it absorbs / all colours and / reflects only blue.
 - a) as it absorbs
 - b) Sky appears blue
 - c) reflects only blue
 - d) all colours and

9. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the word "**Sophisticated**" from the given sentence.

The tribe had no access to modern technology or resources and had to rely on primitive tools and techniques for survival.

- a) Techniques b) Technology c) Primitive d) Modern

10. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in past tense form.

"The declarations which come out from that office are not dependable."

- a) The declarations which came out from that office were not dependable.
b) The declarations which will come out from that office may not be dependable.
c) The declarations which came out from that office are not dependable.
d) The declarations which come out from that office were not dependable.

11. Read the given sentence and select the most appropriate SYNONYM of the word "**Vigilant**" from the following options.

The burglar was very cautious, so he avoided the security perfectly as they didn't find any proof.

- a) security b) burglar c) proof d) cautious

12. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. "**Back against the wall**"

- a) Be in a difficult situation from where escape is difficult
b) Be in a difficult situation from where escape is easy
c) Be in an easy situation from where escape is difficult
d) Be in a relationship which one wants to escape

13. Select the grammatically correct sentence.

- A. It is a old uniform but a memorable thing for me.
B. It is old uniform but a memorable thing for me.
C. It is the old uniform but memorable thing for me.
D. It is an old uniform but a memorable thing for me.

- a) B b) C c) A d) D

14. Describe how you will tell your teacher that the windmill is being built by Master Yadav in active voice.

- a) Master Vaclav been building the windmill.
b) Master Vaclav is building the windmill.
c) The windmill is be built by Master Yadav.

d) Master Vaclav build the windmill.

15. Select the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word.

The case of Vanuatu in 2020 is a clear example of the constant and complex challenges faced by SIDS. It shows how SIDS are dealing with multiple crises at the same time and how COVID-19 has particularly exposed SIDS' extreme and interlinked vulnerabilities,

- a) severe b) free c) interlaced d) continuous

16. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

They are the people which are looking to expand their horizons in the fast growing tourism industry.

- a) who is looking to expand c) that are looked to expand
b) which looked to expand d) who are looking to expand

17. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

- A. Graphology tells them about the candidates' temperaments, highlighting both, weaknesses and strengths.
B. Many companies use it for executive recruitment and analysis.
C. Despite public scepticism, graphology plays a covert role in British management.
D. Modern graphology began early in the 19th century when French churchman Jean Hippolyte Michon created the first graphological 'catalogue'.

- a) BDCA b) DBAC c) DABC d) BCAD

18. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

Radium is a white powder that _____table salt.

- a) looks like b) will look like c) looking like d) look like

19. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The _____purpose of the coaching was to identify the talented players.

- a) mean b) mine c) mane d) main

20. Select the correct spelling for the INCORRECTLY spelt word in the given sentence. Science has made prrogres in leaps and bounds over the "years."

- a) sceince b) leap c) progress d) bound

21. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined word in the given idiom.

She is an awful bore; she is always blowing her own saxophone.

- a) flute b) lyre c) trumpet d) violin

22. Select the option that can be used as a one word substitute for the given group of words.
Child bereaved of one or both the parents

- a) Destitute b) Orphan c) Lout d) Desolate

23. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.

"Is he not driving a car?"

- a) Is a car not being driven by him? c) Was he not driving a car?
b) Is a car not been driven by him? d) Does he not drive a car?
a) CBDA b) ABDC c) DCBA d) ABCD

24. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.

A celestial body or astronomical object is / a naturally occurring physical thing, association, / or configuration that happens in the visible universe.

- a) a naturally occurring physical thing, association
b) No error
c) or configuration that happens in the visible universe
d) A celestial body or astronomical object is

25. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

- A. Tigers are the largest members of the cat family. They are found in many parts of Asia.
B. They mostly live in dark forests and sleep during the day. They come out for hunting pigs and deer by night.
C. It is assumed that, probably, around 3,000 tigers live in the wild. This species looks spectacular and grand and they are very graceful in their movements.
D. It is almost impossible for us to see them against a jungle background, especially when they are standing still, because of their striped coats. Unlike, most cats, the tiger likes bathing very much.

- a) ABCD b) CDBA c) ACBD d) ADBC

26. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.

My brother said to me, “Don’t play in the rain.”

- a) My brother said to me don’t play in the rain.
b) My brother forbade me to play in the rain.
c) My brother assured me not to play in the rain.
d) My brother refused me to not play in the rain.

27. Select the correct homonym from the given options to fill in the blank.

Which _____ does the minister take to reach the Assembly?

- a) root b) rot c) route d) riot

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

(S1) The men and women took their places after the initial mingling, and immediately a surge of conversation filled the room.

(S2)

(S3)

(S4) One or two of the women were actually bouncing up and down on the sofa cushions.

(P) So, the two parties had to lean forward, their elbows on their knees.

(Q) At the beginning they mingled awkwardly, clutching their drinks, and walking here and there.

(R) Several people made a last-minute dash to the bathroom before the conversation could start.

(S) The men’s chairs were far enough away from the women’s couches.

- a) P, R b) R, Q c) Q, S d) S, P

29. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don’t find any error, mark ‘No error’ as your answer.

He lived close to / the train station, / yet travelled by bus.

- a) yet travelled by bus c) He lived close to
b) No error d) the train station

30. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word

- a) Descendant b) Deceased c) Decimate d) Desedent

31. 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 required'.

Edward II is tragic than some other plays by the dramatist.

- a) as least tragic as c) the most tragic
b) No substitution required d) less tragic than

32. Identify the INCORRECTLY spelt word in the given sentence.

One part of the philosophy of life's meaning consists of the systemetic attempt to identify what people have in mind when they think about the topic.

- a) attempt b) philosophy c) think d) systemetic

33. Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The youth involved in the accident escaped by the skin of his teeth.

- a) Barely managed to escape c) Always taking calculated decisions
b) Very arrogant d) Deficiency of funds

34. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.
A book or paper written by hand

- a) Edition b) Periodical c) Manuscript d) Paperback

35. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

One of the children stood at the door to _____if he saw the apparitor coming, who was an officer of the spiritual court.

- a) give notice b) give advice c) give thought d) give a hand

36. After arranging the given words according to dictionary order, which word will come at 'Fifth' position?

- 1) Popular 3) Populace 5) Poppy
2) Population 4) Pope
a) Population b) Poppy c) Popular d) Populace

37. Find out the relationship between the first two words and choose the missing word from the given alternatives. which bears the same relationship to the third/ fourth word, as the first two bear.

Video : Cassette : : Computer : ?

- a) Recordings b) Files c) Floppy d) CPU

38. Find out the relationship between the first two words and choose the missing word from the given alternatives. which bears the same relationship to the third/ fourth word, as the first two bear.

Ocean : Water : : Glacier : ?

- a) Cooling b) Cave c) Ice d) Mountain

39. Find out the pair in which the words bear the same relationship to each other as similar to the words of the given pair bear.

India : Tricolour

- a) China : Sickle and Hammer c) USA : Stars and Stripes
b) UK : Red Cross d) None of the above

40. Three words are given in each question below which have something in common among themselves. Choose one out of the four given alternatives, which mentions the quality common to the three given words.

Lion : Tiger : Bear

- a) Child b) Fawn c) Cub d) Foal

41. 'Needle' is related to 'Thread' in the same way as 'Pen' is related to

- a) Ink b) Cap c) Paper d) Word

42. In following question/three and five/four are alike in a certain way and so form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to the group?

- (a) Stationery (b) Pencil (c) Pen (d) Marker
a) (a) b) (b) c) (d) d) (c)

43. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.

The reduced air pressure on airline flights can lessen the amount of oxygen in passengers' blood for twenty-five percent.

- a) The reduced air pressure on airline flights c) in passengers' blood for twenty-five percent
b) No error d) can lessen the amount of oxygen

44. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the bracketed word in the given sentence.
"It is irrelevance, at least to me, whether the grant was (improvident) or no."
a) tardy b) thrifty c) cautious d) hungry
45. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
"When you are under significant stress, it is hardly to process details and nuances."
a) significant stress, it is hardly c) When you are under
b) to process details and nuances d) No error
46. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. My teacher asked me to keep _____
a) quiet b) quite c) quit d) quaint
47. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word.
The more enlightened enlightened employers offer better terms
a) Civilised b) Educated c) Confounded d) Reasonable
48. Select the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word in the given sentence.
The plan is to demolish the kitchen area and build a new room.
a) curtail b) forge c) raze d) refurbish
49. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.
A thing or substance that is liable to catch fire easily
a) Inaudible b) Inflammable c) Incombustible d) Extinguishable
50. A word has been given in each question and has been used in the sentences given below. Identify the statements where the word has been used in a contextually and grammatically correct manner. If the word has been used correctly in all the statements, mark (e), "All of these", as your answer.

HOSTILE

1. He made hostile efficiency a key part of his budget plan.
2. There has been a hostile reaction to the government's proposed tax increase.
3. The security forces exercised great restraint by not responding to hostile attacks and threats.

- a) Only (i) c) Both (ii) and (iii) e) All of these
b) Both (i) and (ii) d) Only (iii)

Direction (50-53) : In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

Deforestation in tropical regions can ___(1)___ the way water vapour is produced over the canopy, ___(2)___ causes reduced rainfall. A 2019 study published in the journal Ecohydrology showed that parts of the Amazon rainforest that ___(3)___ converted to agricultural land ___(4)___ higher soil and air temperatures, which could ___(5)___ drought conditions.

51. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.

- a) hold b) attack c) affect d) effect

52. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.

- a) is b) were c) was d) has

53. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.

- a) purify b) inflame c) provoke d) aggravate

54. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.

To descend a cragged / mountain, however, was most/ difficult and dangerous / than to ascend it.

- a) To descend a cragged c) mountain however was most
b) difficult and dangerous d) than to ascend it

55. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The defendant's lawyer argued that his past offenses were _____ to this case.

- a) contagious b) spacious c) arrogant d) irrelevant

56. Select the option that will improve the underlined part of the given sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement required'.

The probable side effects of this medication include burning and itching.

- a) including burning and itching c) includes burning and itching
b) can be including burning and itching d) No improvement required

57. Select the option that will improve the underlined part of the sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement required'.

Thank you all for coming so earlier at the morning.

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| a) No improvement required | c) the early in a |
| b) early in the | d) earliest on the |

58. A word has been given in each question and has been used in the sentences given below. Identify the statements where the word has been used in a contextually and grammatically correct manner. If the word has been used correctly in all the statements, mark (e), "All of these", as your answer.

ESCALATE

1. The pedestrian was jaywalking when he **escalate** the busy street, walking straight into the path of an oncoming vehicle.
2. We've tried to **escalate** the most likely problems, but it's impossible to be prepared for every eventuality.
3. The decision to **escalate** UN involvement has been made in the hopes of a swift end to the hostilities.

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| a) Only (i) | c) Both (ii) and (iii) | e) All of these |
| b) Both (i) and (ii) | d) Only (iii) | |

59. In the following question, four sentences are given which may be grammatically and contextually incorrect. You need to find the one which has no error and mark that as your answer. If all the given sentences are incorrect then mark option (e) i.e. 'all are incorrect' as your answer.

- a) India's chocolate market is pegged at Rs.11,000 crore, of which premium chocolates can be sized anywhere among 10
- b) South Korea reported 52 new case of coronavirus.
- c) ITC has plans to work with cocoa farmers directly in future.
- d) The company initially invested Rs. 100 crore to set up a greenfield chocolate manufacture facility in Haridwar.
- e) All are incorrect

60. In the following question, four sentences are given which may be grammatically and contextually incorrect. You need to find the one which has no error and mark that as your answer. If all the given sentences are incorrect then mark option (e) i.e. 'all are incorrect' as your answer.

- a) Tamil Nadu is likely to get three textile parks and a technology research centre under schemes that the Union Ministry of Textiles is formulating.

- b) What is the uses of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?
- c) You have brushed your teeth today?
- d) Rahul had barely nothing to help the poor children.
- e) All are incorrect

Dirction(61-63) : In the following questions, a sentence is divided into four parts consisting of a highlighted word in each part. Choose the option reflecting the word which is either misspelt or grammatically incorrect. If all the highlighted words are correct, choose option (e) i.e. "all are correct" as your answer choice.

61. The manager **balanced** (A) the **strength** (B) of his team against that of their **opponent** (C) and **sighed**. (D)

- a) balanced
- b) strength
- c) opponent
- d) sighed
- e) All are correct

62. From time to time Jack would **looking over**(A) Mungo's shoulder, **suggesting** (B) **tactics** (C) which invariably proved **disastrous**.(D)

- a) looking over
- b) suggesting
- c) tactics
- d) disastrous
- e) All are correct

63. She was able to **breathe** (A) easier when she stood outside the **massive** (B) **fortress** (C) that sat on a clearing the size of two **footbal** (D) fields.

- a) breathe
- b) massive
- c) fortress
- d) footbal
- e) All are correct

64. Studies last year concluded coffee drinking had little, if any, effect on the risk of pancreatic or kidney cancer. A study of 59,000 women in Sweden found no link between caffeine and kidney cancer. Another review suggested that those who drink coffee have half the risk of pancreatic cancer.

Which of the following statements, if true, would weaken the conclusion drawn above?

- a) The study is done in cold countries only, countries in arid and semi-arid regions are not considered under this study.
- b) Indians drink more coffee than the Swedish do
- c) The caffeine content is different in different varieties of coffee
- d) Intake of 15 ml to 30 mi of milk per day offsets the negative effects of caffeine. The study did not consider the milk intake

65. The cause of corruption in medical education is shortage of seats, and fewer doctors than required for the population and even fewer specialists.
Which of the following can be inferred from the above?

- a) Students pay bribes to the management of institutions to avail seats.
- b) The criteria to select students to fill medical seats are flexible.
- c) There is a set standard regarding the doctors to population ratio.
- d) Most of the doctors are general physicians.

Directions (66-70): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

India is considering inviting expressions of interest to sell Air India Ltd by the end of next month as the government aims to complete the transaction this year, people with knowledge of the matter said. "The government will conduct road shows, as well as, be open to meet prospective buyers even before the expressions of interest are sought," the people said, declining to be identified as the discussions are private. "The process will likely allow the bidders to look at the accounts of the airline except for some portions that are confidential and also see the share purchase agreement," they said without providing details. "The potential bidders will have the option to make suggestions for changes in the sale terms during the process of expressing their interest in the deal," the people said. The government is looking to sell its entire stake in the carrier, they said. DS Malik, a spokesman of the Ministry of Finance, did not immediately answer two calls made to his mobile phone. Dhananjay Kumar, a spokesman of Air India, declined to comment. The plan is being prepared after the government's attempt to partially exit the carrier failed to attract any bidder last year. In her budget presentation for the current financial year, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the government will revive plans to sell Air India and the divestment would be part of the government's efforts to raise Rs 1,05,000 crore (\$15.3 billion) selling stakes in state-run companies. Air India, which is surviving on a Rs 30,000 crore taxpayer-funded bailout, has failed to maintain its market dominance as a slew of carriers including Inter Globe Aviation Ltd and SpiceJet Ltd started to offer ultra-cheap, on-time flights more than a decade ago. The state-run airline has total debts of \$8.4 billion and posted losses of more than Rs 7,600 crore last year, according to provisional estimates.

66. Which among the following has been shown as the main reason for the present situation of Air India in the passage?
- a) Air India does not have enough money to survive in the long run though it is trying to find out
 - b) Air India has lost all the deposits it had received from the government last year.
 - c) Air India is in the process of earning deposits from the depositors and investors so that they are worried about the stake sale.

- d) Air India has got competition from other airlines and it has simply failed to live up to the same.
- 67.** Which among the following is correct regarding the plan of the government about the disinvestment of Air India?
- a) It has decided to sell off its entire stake in the national carrier in the recent round of disinvestment.
 - b) It has decided to buy the entire stake from all the other investors so that it becomes the only owner.
 - c) The government is of the opinion that the entire stake of Air India should be in the hands of some foreign carrier only.
 - d) The government has decided to call off the disinvestment process of Air India for the time being.
- 68.** Which among the following is NOT a liberty given to the prospective buyers of Air India, according to the passage?
- a) They will not get to understand the financial structure of the company before giving the money to the government.
 - b) They will not get to see the bank account details of the company before depositing the money.
 - c) They will not have to share anything with the government regarding their own financial status.
 - d) They will not get to look at all the finances of the company while making an offer for the airline.
- 69.** What is the target set by the government from disinvestment in the state-run companies of the country as per the Union Budget?
- a) Rs 105000 Crores
 - b) Rs 100000 Crores
 - c) Rs 200000 Crores
 - d) Rs 205000 Crores
- 70.** Which among the following is correct regarding the financial condition of Air India, according to the given passage?
- a) Air India has posted loss of Rs 7500 crores in the last couple of financial years put together.
 - b) Air India has not published the financial results in the last year due to some restriction from the government
 - c) Air India has posted losses of more than Rs 7600 crores in the last financial year as published by it.

- d) None of the above

Directions (71-75): Read the following passage and answer the following questions based on the given passage

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has put 52 producers, brand owners and importers, including big online retailers such as Amazon and Flipkart, and companies such as Patanjali Ayurved and Britannia, on notice, for failing to take responsibility for their plastic waste. These and other entities with a large plastic footprint need to respond with alacrity. It is eight years since the concept of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) was incorporated into the Plastic Waste Management Rules, but municipal and pollution control authorities have failed to persuade commercial giants to put in place a system to collect and process the waste. Tighter rules in 2016 and some amendments two years later put the onus on producers and brand owners to come up with an action plan for the retrieval of waste within six months to a year, but that too failed to take off. Mountains of garbage with a heavy plastic load have been growing in suburban landfills, out of sight of city dwellers. Without determined steps, the crisis is certain to worsen. It should be noted that the retail sector expects e-commerce to grow from about 38.5 billion – equivalent in 2017 to 200 billion by 2026. Given the role played by packaging, the waste management problem is likely to become alarming. There is also a big opportunity here, which the trade, municipal governments and pollution control authorities need to see. The two prongs of the solution are packaging innovation that reduces its use by using alternatives, and increasing the process of separation, collection and dissemination of waste. Recovering materials from garbage should be a high priority, considering that India is the third highest consumer of materials after China and the U.S.; the Economic Survey 2019 estimates that India's demand for total material will double by 2030 at current rates of growth. Plastics may be less expensive than other inputs in manufacturing, but recycling them into new products extends their life and provides a substitute for virgin material. Keeping them out of the environment reduces clean-up and pollution costs. Unfortunately, in spite of legal requirements, municipal and pollution control authorities fail to see this and mostly pursue business-as-usual waste management methods.

71. As per the information provided in the passage, what might be the possible reason for the colossal use of plastics in packaging?
- a) they are shatterproof and does not fragment into dangerous shards
 - b) they are low in weight but high in strength
 - c) make the manufacturing process economical
 - d) can be produced and used with tamper-evident
72. What have been the measures suggested in the above passage for combating plastic pollution?
- a) introducing or supporting legislation that would make plastic-bag use less desirable

- b) switching to substitutes for packaging materials
- c) upscaling waste segregation, collection and transmission
- d) Both (b) & (c)

73. What can be the possible inference drawn from the passage given above?

- a) Plant-based plastics, especially varieties made from sugar cane, are starting to seep into the mainstream.
- b) Recycling is integral to addressing the problems posed by plastic packaging material.
- c) Urban habitats are particularly at risk from plastic litter.
- d) Every day our environment is being threatened by endless plastic pollution in the ocean.

74. What has been the flaw mentioned on the part of civic bodies in controlling pollution from plastic packaging?

- a) Recyclable waste is rendered useless as it gets mixed with other articles.
- b) Municipal and pollution control bodies have not been held accountable for growing plastic pollution.
- c) Civic bodies have been unsuccessful in convincing corporate giants to accumulate and process the waste.
- d) Owing to lenient control by authorities plastics pollution has resulted in choked landfills, drains and rivers and flows into the sea.

75. In the questions below a statement is given with two blanks in it. For each blank three alternatives are provided in the columns. Choose the alternative from the corresponding column that would fit the give blanks to make the given sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

The Finance Secretary said that one of the ___[I] ___ that the Reserve Bank of India's rate cuts were not being transmitted by the banks was because they didn't have enough liquidity left to ___[II] ___ lend to the private sector after accommodating government borrowing

- | | [I] | | [II] | |
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| | (A) Reasons | | (D) Impingement | |
| | (B) Crunches | | (E) Distinguish | |
| | (C) Sanctions | | (F) Adequately | |
| a) B-E | b) C-D | c) A-F | d) C-F | |