

PRACTICE MCQS FOR PEL 131

Choose the option that correctly identifies the nature of the underlined transition in each of the following sentences.

1. A water main downtown broke this morning, so several businesses had no water for hours.

- a. addition
- b. time
- c. comparison
- d. cause and effect

2. Even though most Americans are primarily concerned about AIDS as it exists in the U.S., it should be remembered that it is now nearly a worldwide disease.

- a. addition
- b. time
- c. contrast
- d. comparison

3. Larry will probably be a late bloomer socially, **just like** his older brothers.

- a. similar
- b. contrast
- c. comparison
- d. cause and effect

4. There are ways you can make boring tasks more pleasant. **For instance**, bring a portable radio and listen to music on the earphones while you work.

- a. contrast
- b. comparison
- c. illustration/example
- d. cause and effect

5. The lazy checkout clerk forced the six-pack of cola into the bottom of the bag, tearing it. **Then** she shrugged her shoulders and said, "I guess you'll have to carry the bag from the bottom."

- a. time

- b. contrast
- c. comparison
- d. illustration/example

6. Science-fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke correctly predicted that satellites would be used for communication. **Moreover**, in 1947 he correctly predicted that 1959 would be the year the first rocket to the moon was launched.

- a. addition
- b. time
- c. contrast
- d. cause and effect

7. Some people in New Jersey built their houses very close to the shoreline.

Consequently, they have had to spend a lot of money trying to protect their property from the sea.

- a. addition
- b. contrast
- c. illustration/example
- d. cause and effect

8. Running can make people more aware of their physical surroundings, **such as** the scent of honeysuckle or the changing moods of the trees.

- a. addition
- b. contrast
- c. illustration/example
- d. cause and effect

9. Residents complain bitterly about potholes in the streets and sloppy trash pick-up, **yet** these same people resist paying higher taxes for the improvement of these services.

- a. time
- b. contrast
- c. comparison
- d. illustration/example

10. Telephone interviewing allows for a large number of responses in a short time and at relatively low cost. **Moreover**, the method permits interviewers to reach respondents at specific times of the day; this is an important consideration in the study of radio

and TV listening habits.

- a. addition
- b. time
- c. contrast
- d. comparison

11. Correct the sentence if necessary.

She is senior than me.

- A) She is senior than me.
- B) She is senior to me.
- C) She is senior then me.
- D) None of the above

12. Correct the sentence if necessary.

He is junior than me.

- A) He is junior than me.
- B) He is junior then me.
- C) He is junior to me.
- D) None of the above

13. This is preferable than that.

- A) This is preferable than that.
- B) This is preferable then that.
- C) This is preferable to that.
- D) None of the above

14. Sindhu is greater than any Badminton player in India.

- A) Sindhu is greater than any other Badminton player in India.
- B) Sindhu is greater than any Badminton player in India.
- C) A and B
- D) None of the above

15. Jyoti is so obstinate (1)/ that no one can (2)/ altar her views. (3)/ No error (4).

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

16. It was in the basis of the new constitution that (1)/ the Committee of Administrators (CoA) and the Electoral Officer (2)/ conducted the BCCI elections on October 23. (3)/ No error (4)

- (a)1
- (b)2
- (c)3
- (d)4

17. India has never attacked on any country, (1)/ nor has it ever coveted anyone's territory but (2)/ made supreme sacrifice fighting for others. (3)/ No error (4)

- (a)1
- (b)2
- (c)3
- (d)4

18. The landlord made the boys (1)/ to do the garden (2)/ make over all over again. (3)/ No error (4).

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

19. As a chef (1)/ Kajal is as good (2)/, if not better than Mahender. (3)/ No error (4).

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

20. I laughed on (1)/ her as she fell off the (2)/ tree and got injured. (3)/ No error (4).

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

21. He said, 'Let us wait for your teacher'.

- (A) He proposed that they should wait for their teacher.
- (B) He requested that they would wait for their teacher.
- (C) He proposed that they shall wait for their teacher.
- (D) He proposed that they can wait for their teacher.

22. He said to him, 'Thank you for your kind help'.

- (A) He told him for his kind help.
- (B) He requested him for his kind help.
- (C) He asked him for his kind help.
- (D) He thanked him for his kind help.

23. The teacher said to Suresh, "You are wasting your time".

- (A) The teacher told Suresh that he was wasting his time.
- (B) The teacher told that he was wasting my time.
- (C) The teacher told Suresh was wasting his time.
- (D) The teacher told Suresh that he is wasting his time.

24. He bade his friends goodbye.

- (1) "I will see you later" he told his friends.
- (2) "I am bidding you Goodbye."
- (3) He said. "Goodbye, my friends."
- (4) "Goodbye, my friends" he was saying to them.

25. He says, "Shahid plays on the piano."

- A). He said that Shahid play on the piano.
- B).He says that Shahid plays on the piano.
- C). He says that Shahid played by piano.
- D). None of these

26. She said to me, "What can I do for you?"

- a) She asked me what she can do for me.
- b) She asked me whether she can do anything for me
- c) She asked me what can she do for me.
- d) She asked me what she could do for me.

27. He said to me, "Please visit my company tomorrow".

- a) He requested me to visit his company the next day.
- b) He said to me to visit his company the next day.
- c) He requested me to visit his company tomorrow.
- d) He said to me to visit his company tomorrow.

28. The lady said to the servant, "If you don't wash the clothes properly, I will dismiss you."

- a) The lady cautioned the servant that she must wash the clothes properly .
- b) The lady advised the servant to wash the clothes properly
- c) The lady told the servant that she would dismiss her on the event of bad work.
- d) The lady warned the servant that she would dismiss her if she didn't wash the clothes property.

29. He said, "My parents are arriving tomorrow."

- a) He said that his parents are arriving tomorrow.
- b) He said that his parents have arrived the next day.
- c) He said that his parents were arriving the next day.
- d) He said that his parents are arriving the next day.

30. Ann told my brother, "I will meet you in your class"

- a) Ann told my brother that she would meet him in his class.
- b) Ann told my brother that she would meet him in her class.
- c) Ann told my brother that I would meet you in your class.
- d) Ann told my brother that he will meet her in her class.

31. Do you think we'll get the contract? I'd say we have a _____ chance.

- a) long
- b) fighting
- c) mild
- d) doubtful

32. Several schools and government offices were closed due to the _____ weather.

- a) rugged
- b) violent
- c) inclement
- d) vicious

33. Switching to a cheaper supplier was definitely a(n) _____ choice.

- a) astute
- b) sane
- c) wise
- d) sound

34. I haven't really evaluated the contract yet. I just gave it a _____ glance.

- a) speedy
- b) rapid
- c) fast
- d) quick

35. I think you need to let it go. It's not healthy to _____ a grudge.

- a) hold
- b) endure
- c) sustain
- d) maintain

36. Many of my co-workers are _____ golfers.

- a) avid
- b) frequent
- c) spirited
- d) devoted

37. If you call and complain, they may _____ the fee for you.

- a) waive
- b) eliminate
- c) get rid of
- d) remove

38. I asked him if he was going to the meeting, and he _____ his head no.

- a) shook
- b) moved
- c) nodded
- d) shrugged

39. It was very _____ criticism, but it helped me improve.

- a) hard
- b) harsh
- c) rough
- d) grim

40. The United Nations _____ a statement about the tragedy.

- a) issued
- b) dispensed
- c) declared
- d) transmitted

41. Which syllable is stressed in the given word: geography?

- a) 1st
- b) 2nd
- c) 3rd
- d) 4th

42. Which syllable is stressed in the given word: homogeneous?

- a) 1st
- b) 2nd
- c) 3rd
- d) 4th

43. Which syllable is stressed in the given word: competitive?

- a) 1st
- b) 2nd
- c) 3rd
- d) 4th

44. Which syllable is stressed in the given word: accuracy?

- a) 1st
- b) 2nd
- c) 3rd
- d) 4th

45. Which syllable is stressed in the given word: historical ?

- a) 1st
- b) 2nd
- c) 3rd
- d) 4th