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 instanc**e, 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.

1. long
2. fighting
3. mild
4. doubtful

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

1. rugged
2. violent
3. inclement
4. vicious

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

1. astute
2. sane
3. wise
4. sound

34. I haven’t really evaluated the contract yet. I just gave it a \_\_\_\_\_\_ glance.

1. speedy
2. rapid
3. fast
4. quick

35. I think you need to let it go. It’s not healthy to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a grudge.

1. hold
2. endure
3. sustain
4. maintain

36. Many of my co-workers are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ golfers.

1. avid
2. frequent
3. spirited
4. devoted

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

1. waive
2. eliminate
3. get rid of
4. remove

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

1. shook
2. moved
3. nodded
4. shrugged

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

1. hard
2. harsh
3. rough
4. grim

40. The United Nations \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a statement about the tragedy.

1. issued
2. dispensed
3. declared
4. transmitted

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

1. 1st
2. 2nd
3. 3rd
4. 4th

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

1. 1st
2. 2nd
3. 3rd
4. 4th

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

1. 1st
2. 2nd
3. 3rd
4. 4th

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

1. 1st
2. 2nd
3. 3rd
4. 4th

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

1. 1st
2. 2nd
3. 3rd
4. 4th