



## Practice Exercise

**Directions for questions 1 to 20:** Choose the word from the options that is closest in meaning to the given word.

1. Loquacious
  - a. Talkative
  - b. Abdicate
  - c. Abduction
  - d. Beset
2. Inscrutable
  - a. Bestial
  - b. Mysterious
  - c. Copious
  - d. Rebut
3. Temerity
  - a. Allay
  - b. Castigate
  - c. Audacity
  - d. Hinder
4. Appal
  - a. Imbrue
  - b. Liturgy
  - c. Dismay
  - d. Inceptive
5. Louche
  - a. Rampant
  - b. Sparse
  - c. Waif
  - d. Shady
6. Stentorian
  - a. Delirious
  - b. Loud
  - c. Gauche
  - d. Wane
7. Sacrosanct

- a. Voluble                          b. Zephyr  
c. Sacred                            d. Wry
8. Covetous  
a. Greedy                            b. Enervate  
c. Demented                        d. Audacious
9. Reverie  
a. Austere                            b. Daydream  
c. Discomfit                        d. Travail
10. Nabob  
a. Bigwig                            b. Tenacious  
c. Surmise                            d. Somnolent
11. Hustle  
a. Sheer                              b. Rife  
c. Hurry                             d. Quibble
12. Flare  
a. Blaze                             b. Prudence  
c. Patter                             d. Onus
13. Bespoke  
a. Nimble                            b. Mutilate  
c. Behold                            d. Modified
14. Naive  
a. Unsophisticated                b. Pious  
c. Plenitude                        d. Recant
15. Impudent  
a. Recuperate                      b. Solace  
c. Abaft                             d. Insolent

16. Lambaste

- |            |          |
|------------|----------|
| a. Censure | b. Amour |
| c. Carnal  | d. Abler |

17. Castigate

- |              |            |
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| a. Criticise | b. Diurnal |
| c. Effete    | d. Enigma  |

18. Lecture

- |             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| a. Lustrous | b. Regnant |
| c. Turgid   | d. Tirade  |

19. Jejune

- |             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| a. Abstain  | b. Abysmal |
| c. Immature | d. Bulimic |

20. Querulous

- |            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| a. Buoyant | b. Concocts |
| c. Fretful | d. Ember    |

**Direction for questions 21 to 40:** Choose the word from the options that is farthest in meaning to the given word.

21. Colossal

- |             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| a. Lustrous | b. Tiny    |
| c. Lithe    | d. Lacteal |

22. Pivotal

- |            |                |
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| a. Laggard | b. Unimportant |
| c. Languid | d. Irk         |

23. Sullen

- |            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| a. Insipid | b. Cheerful |
| c. Ennoble | d. Distend  |

24. Obsequious

- a. Toady
- b. Credence
- c. Colloquy
- d. Candid

25. Astute

- a. Bulwark
- b. Gullible
- c. Prodigy
- d. Augur

26. Obscured

- a. Aperture
- b. Amply
- c. Merciful
- d. Pellucid

27. Banal

- a. Distraught
- b. Extraordinary
- c. Vivacity
- d. Dandified

28. Élan

- a. Vapidity
- b. Verbosity
- c. Prudent
- d. Salubrious

29. Truculent

- a. reluctant
- b. Quay
- c. Petulant
- d. Gentle

30. Spurious

- a. Genuine
- b. Racy
- c. Trait
- d. Venal

31. Recondite

- a. Apathy
- b. Manifest
- c. Tenacious
- d. Sylph

32. Effluvium

- a. Fragrance
- b. Sybarite
- c. Suave
- d. Ribald

33. Calm

- a. Sequel                                  b. Bustle  
c. Dullness                                d. Singe
34. Tepid  
a. Teeter                                    b. Enthusiastic  
c. Hinge                                     d. Irresolute
35. Heroic  
a. Injure                                    b. Undue  
c. Meek                                      d. Vivacity
36. Euphemistic  
a. Sarcastic                                b. Antagonistic  
c. Candid                                    d. eulogistic
37. Frivolous  
a. Serious                                    b. Inept  
c. Verity                                     d. Variance
38. Taint  
a. Uproarious                              b. Tutelary  
c. Purify                                    d. Transmit
39. Glower  
a. Smile                                     b. Taut  
c. Sinister                                    d. Semblance
40. Dubious  
a. Retch                                     b. Prosaic  
c. Play                                        d. Reliable

**Directions for questions 41 to 60:** For each of the given lead pairs, from the given pairs of words beneath it, choose the pair that exhibits a relationship closest to the one exhibited by the lead.

41. PLUTOCRAT: WEALTH

- a. autocrat : individual
- c. oligarch: ruler
- b. theocrat: religion
- d. democrat: popularity

42. HANDCUFFS : PRISONER

- a. manacles : penitentiary
- a. leash : dog
- a. shoes : feet
- a. tail : kite

43. EYES : SEE

- a. taste : tongue
- c. nose : smell
- b. hands : touch
- d. legs : walk

44. IMP : CHERUB

- a. low : high
- c. bad : good
- b. nettle : irk
- d. devil : angel

45. SAPLING : TREE

- a. boy : man
- c. palm top : laptop
- b. woman : girl
- d. kid : adult

46. ARMY : SOLDIERS

- a. Navy : Shipyards
- c. Air-force : Pilots
- b. Commissioner : Police
- d. Minister : Politics

47. INDICATE : HINT

- a. hear : listen
- c. talk : speak
- b. notice : observe
- d. song : dance

48. BUS : STOP

- a. train : station
- c. car : garage
- b. airport : helicopter
- d. documents : trays

49. HERTZ : FREQUENCY

- a. length : metres
- b. decibels : sound

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- c. volume : measuring jar                          d. temperature : thermometer
50. ISLAND : OCEAN
- a. hill : stream                                  b. forest : valley  
c. oasis : desert                                  d. tree : field
51. PAUPER : WEALTH
- a. vagabond : habitation                          b. beggar : alms  
c. debtor : payments                                d. creditor : assets
52. UNASSAILABLE : DISPUTE
- a. indelible : erasure                              b. unpardonable : crime  
c. porous : liquid                                    d. insoluble : solve
53. DIFFERENTIATE : SEPARATE
- a. line : queue                                      b. ego : esteem  
c. gas : vapour                                      d. integrate : assemble
54. FUMIGATE : PESTS
- a. petrify : stone                                    b. diagnose : disease  
c. pasteurize : liquids                              d. sterilize : bacteria
55. CAR : STEERING WHEEL
- a. boat : rudder                                    b. handle bar : motor bike  
c. ship : deck                                        d. bird : wings
56. DEFT : SKILL
- a. nimble : clumsiness                            b. punctual : promptness  
c. eloquent : meditation                            d. industrious : wealth
57. ABSTRUSE : COMPREHEND
- a. diminishing : disappear                        b. stylized : parody  
c. callous : soothe                                    d. dense : penetrate

58. ODOGRAPH : DISTANCE

- a. autograph : signature
- b. epigraph : puzzle
- c. photograph : copy
- d. watch : time

59. PRETEXT : INTENTION

- a. alias : identity
- b. intrusion : privacy
- c. goal : effort
- d. acquittal : innocence

60. ORB : SPHERICAL

- a. moon : celestial
- b. poem : metrical
- c. wand : magical
- d. tube : cylindrical

**Directions for questions 61 to 70:** The sentences given below contain idiomatic expressions (underlined). Find the meanings of the idioms from the options that follow the respective sentences.

61. The entire college was on cloud nine after winning the competition.

- a. extremely energetic
- b. to be ahead of others in rank
- c. to feel proud of something
- d. extremely happy

62. It was only after the competition that Mercy breathed easy.

- a. got relieved of asthma
- b. relax and be free of tension
- c. to visit the doctor
- d. regain the usual breath pattern

63. Harish is a very clever person. He runs with the hare and hunts with the hounds.

- a. praises both sides
- b. supports both sides
- c. supports the wrong and fights with the right
- d. supports the right and fights against the wrong

64. Avanthika seemed unconcerned. She said that she would cross the bridge when she came to it.

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- a. not worrying about the future
  - b. being very lethargic about things
  - c. being very confident about the future
  - d. to deal with a problem or situation only when it arises
65. I feel terribly tired working in the office. I will hit the sack early today.
- a. wind up my work
  - b. go out of office
  - c. go home
  - d. go to bed
66. Many cricketers have been waiting in the wings for years, but they are yet to get an opportunity to play an international match.
- a. waiting to win
  - b. waiting for a long time
  - c. ready to perform
  - d. waiting from one's young age
67. The parents went on strike because the school raised the bar for admission.
- a. increase the minimum donation amount
  - b. hit someone
  - c. set a higher standard
  - d. give wrong information on something
68. The parents are realising that they can't get their children do what they want them to. The boot is on the other foot now.
- a. tables have toppled
  - b. tables have cracked
  - c. tables have turned
  - d. tables have broken
69. Bhaghat is a good choice. He is diffident and is unlikely to make waves.
- a. create problems
  - b. bring changes in a situation
  - c. make mistakes
  - d. bring losses
70. Men still expect their wives to eat out of their hands.
- a. husbands want wives to be hardworking

- b. husbands will not like serving food for the wives at any cost
- c. wives will not like serving food for the husbands at any cost
- d. husbands want their wives to be submissive

**Directions for questions 71 to 80:** Choose an appropriate phrasal verb and fill in the blanks.

71. I will take all the responsibilities and will \_\_\_\_\_ that everything goes on as planned.
- a. goof
  - b. clear off
  - c. funk it off
  - d. see to it
72. My friend told me he would buy me a piano and I am \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- a. look forward to
  - b. look foreword to
  - c. looking forward to
  - d. looking foreword to
73. Mary is not fit to hold the post. She always \_\_\_\_\_ responsibilities.
- a. shies away from
  - b. runs out of
  - c. talks out of
  - d. plays down her
74. Bill is such a betrayer. He easily \_\_\_\_\_ everybody's secrets.
- a. steam off
  - b. pushes out
  - c. gives away
  - d. talks away
75. The minister promised to \_\_\_\_\_ the problems of the people.
- a. look after
  - b. look up
  - c. look down upon
  - d. look into
76. The manager wanted a meeting with his team so as to \_\_\_\_\_ a strategy for the next quarter.
- a. work-out
  - b. work out
  - c. workout
  - d. discuss about

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77. If you come to class on time, you can ensure that you don't \_\_\_\_\_ anything.
- a. miss up                          b. miss up about  
c. miss out on                      d. miss into
78. When he \_\_\_\_\_ captain, the team was very disorganized and demotivated.
- a. assumed to be                    b. became as the  
c. was made                         d. took over as
79. When I was made leader of the class, I \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. took, over                        b. sank, in  
c. lapped, up                        d. refused, outrageously
80. There were so many defaulters, so he couldn't understand why his teacher \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. talked, separately              b. mingled, in  
c. singled, out                     d. boasted, mainly

**Directions for Questions 81 to 90:** Find the word from the given options that is closest in meaning to the given phrase.

81. Punishable by death penalty
- a. Capitol                            b. Capital  
c. Clapton                         d. Clairton
82. Advice or guidance
- a. Counselor                        b. Counsel  
c. Council                            d. Councilor
83. One who enters and settles in a new country
- a. Immigration                     b. Emigrant  
c. Immigrant                        d. Emigration

84. To draw out

- a. Illicit
- b. Elicit
- c. Deficit
- d. Solicit

85. Not easy to set on fire

- a. Inflammable
- b. Flammable
- c. Nonflammable
- d. Flamboyant

86. To puzzle, distract or bewilder

- a. amuse
- b. bemuse
- c. muse
- d. peruse

87. People who help; Assistants

- a. AIDS
- b. Aides
- c. Maidens
- d. Aedes

88. A passageway

- a. Ale
- b. Isle
- c. Aisle
- d. Ail

89. An inference

- a. Assumption
- b. Consumption
- c. Redemption
- d. Presumption

90. Assess the value or quality of

- a. Appraise
- b. Apprise
- c. Improvise
- d. Comprise

**Answer Key to Practice Questions**

1	a	2	b	3	c	4	c	5	d	6	b
7	c	8	a	9	b	10	a	11	c	12	a
13	d	14	a	15	d	16	a	17	a	18	d
19	c	20	c	21	b	22	b	23	b	24	d
25	b	26	d	27	b	28	a	29	d	30	a
31	b	32	a	33	b	34	b	35	c	36	c
37	a	38	c	39	a	40	d	41	b	42	a
43	c	44	d	45	d	46	c	47	b	48	a
49	b	50	c	51	a	52	d	53	d	54	d
55	a	56	b	57	d	58	d	59	a	60	d
61	d	62	b	63	b	64	d	65	d	66	c
67	c	68	c	69	a	70	d	71	d	72	c
73	a	74	c	75	d	76	b	77	c	78	d
79	c	80	c	81	b	82	b	83	b	84	b
85	c	86	b	87	b	88	c	89	d	90	a