

VERBAL ABILITY

Directions for Q1 to Q4: Mark the option which is closest to the meaning of the word given below.

1. OPULENT
(a) Sensitive (b) Attractive
(c) Smart (d) Rich
2. DREARY
(a) Social (b) Calm
(c) Tired (d) Interesting
3. FUDGE
(a) Collect (b) Confuse
(c) Eat (d) Solve
4. CULPABLE
(a) Innocent (b) Common
(c) Regulated (d) Sensitive

Directions for Q5 to Q14: Mark the option which is closest to the opposite in meaning of the word given below.

5. BONAFIDE
(a) Perfect (b) Fake
(c) Certified (d) Imperfect
6. INSTIGATE
(a) Question (b) Look after
(c) Refuse (d) Cause
7. GHOULISH
(a) Sweet (b) Fine
(c) Chunky (d) Salty
8. FREEWHEELING
(a) Marching (b) Quiet
(c) Paved (d) Structured
9. JAMMED
(a) Preserved (b) Blocked
(c) Adjusted (d) Removed
10. OPLIENT
(a) Smart (b) Attractive
(c) Rich (d) Sensitive
11. INERT
(a) Intense (b) Simple
(c) Happy (d) Dead
12. POTENT
(a) Useless (b) Strong
(c) Muscular (d) Limp
13. RAPACIOUS
(a) Savage (b) Greedy
(c) Furious (d) Appeased

14. ALIKE
(a) Same (b) Different
(c) Usual (d) Even

Directions for Q15 to Q48: Fill in the blanks with the most suitable option.

15. I _____ to quit smoking for the past month.
(a) have tried (b) tried
(c) have been trying (d) will be trying
16. The students _____ by the time the professor arrived.
(a) had left (b) left
(c) have left (d) leave
17. _____ useful trick that can solve the problem is to us _____ piece of wax to draw a boundary.
(a) An, a (b) A, the
(c) The, an (d) A, a
18. She packed her own bag but forgot to take _____ maths notebook.
(a) an (b) the
(c) a (d) No article required
19. The librarian glared _____ my direction as I rushed to pick up the books from the floor.
(a) at (b) by
(c) on (d) in
20. An out of court settlement _____ between the two parties
(a) have been reached (b) have reached
(c) has been reached (d) has reached
21. She went for a _____ in the rain to get refreshed.
(a) creak (b) trim
(c) stroll (d) thrill
22. Society needs to be _____ about depression and mental illnesses.
(a) sensitized (b) sorted
(c) simplified (d) supported
23. I am bagged _____ with work right now, so I won't be able to help you.
(a) in (b) down
(c) up (d) out
24. My feet _____ because I have been standing all day
(a) is hurting (b) hurts
(c) hurting (d) hurt
25. I am laying _____ a couple of employees due to their poor performance.
(a) by (b) off
(c) over (d) on

26. Stop _____, you understand what the teacher is saying!
(a) displaying (b) offering
(c) replying (d) pretending
27. I _____ my lunch each day
(a) am finishing (b) finish
(c) finishing (d) finishes
28. I lost my mobile. Can you _____ your bag ?
(a) show (b) show on
(c) show in (d) show of
29. The old man was sitting on _____ side of the road begging for _____ alms.
(a) the, a
(b) a, the
(c) the, no article required
(d) the, the
30. My life follows a calm and _____ routine.
(a) uneasy (b) unruffled
(c) aggressive (d) exalted
31. I powdered the medicine _____ a grinder
(a) on (b) in
(c) at (d) by
32. I don't usually get angry _____ small things, but the bad weather has made me irritable recently.
(a) upon (b) under
(c) over (d) down
33. My head aches so I _____ on coffee the past few days
(a) have cutting down
(b) will cut down
(c) has been cutting down
(d) have been cutting down
34. Tina lives _____ a slum next to the royal palace.
(a) on
(b) at
(c) None of the mentioned above
(d) in
35. The volunteers gave _____ food packets to the earthquake victims.
(a) out
(b) None of the mentioned above
(c) in
(d) over
36. Tom only _____ fruits on Thursdays
(a) eaten (b) eat
(c) eats (d) None of these
37. It is very important to _____ one's budget in mind while in the mall.
(a) display (b) remind
(c) keep (d) offer
38. My phone keeps ringing, so I _____ for an assistant lately
(a) have been working
(b) was working
(c) had worked
(d) has been working
39. He threw himself _____ the opportunity to work for this company.
(a) over (b) on
(c) for (d) at
40. He didn't pause to _____ how I would feel.
(a) find (b) tell
(c) consider (d) know
41. I will talk her _____ of taking this poor step.
(a) up (b) in
(c) out (d) by
42. The policeman stared me _____ the eye as he pulled out his notebook.
(a) at
(b) in
(c) into
(d) None of the mentioned options
43. My brother and I fell _____ over nothing, but we've apologized and become closer than ever.
(a) into
(b) down
(c) None of the mentioned options
(d) out
44. An out-of-court settlement _____ between the two parties
(a) have reached (b) has been reached
(c) has reached (d) have been reached
45. Lisa _____ food for about one hour
(a) have been cooking (b) is cooks
(c) has been cooking (d) is cooking
46. The counter clerk was very busy and _____ not pay _____ to Sam's respect.
(a) could; respect (b) can; heed
(c) had; cash (d) did; attention

47. Sharing heavy responsibilities with colleagues does not involve loss of prestige or _____ of the authority of an institute's Head.

- (a) decrease (b) decline
(c) deterioration (d) loss

48. I was awestruck _____ her magnanimity when she allowed the trapped robber to take the jewel

- (a) of (b) at
(c) in (d) from

Directions for Q49 to Q61: Choose the best replacement for the underlined part of the sentence.

49. The world doesn't care for winners and complainers.

- (a) for winners and complainers
(b) for winners and complainers
(c) for whiners and complainers
(d) for whine complainers

50. Penny suggested me to be meeting with the dean to sort out the issue.

- (a) That I be meeting with the dean
(b) me to be meeting with the dean
(c) me to have met with the dean
(d) that I meet with the dean.

51. I am surprised nobody thought about him and his troubles for all this time.

- (a) Nobody thought of him
(b) Nobody thought on him
(c) Nobody thought off him
(d) Nobody thought him up

52. He added whole lot of salt to the mixture so its no surprise the cake tastes like dirt.

- (a) a whole lot of salt (b) whole lot of salt
(c) a whole salt lot (d) whole lots of salt

53. I don't think he will be chaffed to find out that you broke his laptop

- (a) I don't think he will be chaffed
(b) I don't think he will be scoffed
(c) I don't think he will be scuffed
(d) I don't think he will be chuffed

54. I'm sorry I forget accounting for the delays while calculating a travel time.

- (a) I forget Keeping an account for
(b) I forgot to account for
(c) I forgot to account
(d) I forgot accounting of

55. The constitution guarantees citizens the right for freedom of expression subject to some conditions

- (a) the right for freedom for expression
(b) the right for freedom for expression
(c) the right for freedom for expression
(d) the right for freedom for expression

56. I believed with all my heart he was my friend.

- (a) that he was a friend to me
(b) that he and I were friendly
(c) that I and he were friendly
(d) that he was a friend of mine

57. After sitting through both the presentations, I concluded I was more impressed with the former's

- (a) more impressed with the former
(b) more impressed by former
(c) most impressed with the former's
(d) more impressed with the former's

58. If you add too little of corn-flour your soup will appear watery and unappealing.

- (a) too little of a corn flour
(b) too little corn flour
(c) little of corn flour
(d) too little off corn flour

59. All citizens have the right for life in this country, which comprises several other rights in it.

- (a) the right in life (b) the right to life
(c) the right if life (d) the right for life

60. After tasting both sauces, the star chef judged that he was more taken with the former's

- (a) most taken with the former's
(b) more taken by the former
(c) more taken by former
(d) more taken with the former's

61. If it was impossible to do I wouldn't have assigned it to an intern

- (a) If it were impossible to do
(b) If it had been impossible to do
(c) If it was impossible to do
(d) If it is impossible to do

Directions for Q62 to Q74: Which part of the sentences given below has an error in it?

62. Politicians keep saying / that they'll fix the roads / in the state but it never does.

- (a) that they'll fix the roads
(b) politicians keep saying
(c) in the state but it never does
(d) no error

63. I told them that / if their child graduated, / I would pay his college tuition fees.
(a) I told them that
(b) I would pay his college tuition fees
(c) No error
(d) If their child graduated,
64. The task / more tough / than it seems
(a) more tough
(b) than it seems
(c) the task is
(d) No Error
65. Loan me your textbook / for the day; I am / yet to have mine / subscribed from the library.
(a) For the day; I am
(b) Subscribed from the library
(c) Yet to have mine
(d) Loan me your textbook
66. I am yet to see / a prepare redressal mechanism / develop in this newly independent country/
(a) No Error
(b) Develop in this newly independent country
(c) A proper redressal mechanism
(d) I am yet to see
67. His agitation state / is understandable; he / was emotionally / quite close to the victim.
(a) is understandable; he
(b) quite close to the victim
(c) was emotionally
(d) His agitation state
68. I would like to warn you / about few issues that / I have faced in the industry
(a) I have faced in the industry
(b) I would like to warn you
(c) about few issues that
(d) No error
69. There are some errors / in your solution which / stand out to me.
(a) No error
(b) There are some errors
(c) stand out to me
(d) in your solution which
70. It is exasperating to hear / this kind of propaganda / being shared on intellectual for(a)
(a) this kind of propaganda
(b) No error
(c) being shared on intellectual for a
(d) It is exasperating to hear
71. The minister demanded that / the investigating body respect his assistant / promising that should be / an asset to the investigation
(a) promising that should be
(b) The minister demanded that
(c) an asset to the investigation
(d) the investigating body respect his assistant
72. The employees had / already taken / a through assessment / off the situation.
(a) The employees had
(b) already taken
(c) a through assessment
(d) off the situation.
73. According to the survey / more of forty percent / of the population do not / have access to banks.
(a) more of forty percent
(b) of the population do not
(c) have access to banks
(d) According to the survey
74. The couch was / occupied by / some ladies going for / its picnic
(a) some ladies going for
(b) The couch was
(c) its picnic
(d) occupied by
- Directions for Q75 to Q79:** The sentences given below form a coherent passage when arranged logically. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence.
75. 1. I had gone to the mail to catch a movie; an action flick actually, you know how much I love them.
2. Did I tell you what happened to me on that fateful day?
3. But I went into the wrong movie hall, and didn't realise it till the horrible event took place.
4. The movie hall I was supposed to go into caught fire due to a short-circuit, and one person died. That Could've been me!
(a) 2 1 3 4
(b) 1 3 2 4
(c) 2 1 4 3
(d) 3 1 4 2
76. 1. The cool humid air burrowing through the long hair of happy maidens perfectly captures how Indian culture has viewed the life-giving rains of the monsoon.
2. It is celebrated primarily by women as an occasion for merrymaking, often marked by the exchange of gifts and other fun customs.
3. The Teej festival marks the arrival of the monsoon for much of the Indian subcontinent.
4. One such custom is the planting of swings on tree branches, which are then enjoyed by single and married women alike.
(a) 3 2 4 1
(b) 1 3 4 2
(c) 3 2 1 4
(d) 1 3 2 4

77. 1. Celebrations are observed the world over, but particularly in India, by throwing colour at one another.
 2. Holi celebrates the arrival of spring and summer, as the dull winter breaks into a glow of colour under clearer sides.
 3. For Indians, the festival is a crucial part of the year, and collecting flowers and making colours begins late in winter.
 4. Perhaps because the crops sown in autumn ripen under the newly golden sun, and so anticipation of glad times become solely natural
 (a) 2 3 4 1 (b) 2 1 3 4
 (c) 3 2 4 1 (d) 2 4 1 3
78. 1. There a lot of shortcomings in the world
 2. The secret to collective prosperity is to make peace with these, and indeed use these to further things that will be helpful to all.
 3. There is violence, deceit and disagreement.
 4. But these things are not inherently bad, and indeed they are part of nature itself.
 (a) 1 3 4 2 (b) 2 1 3 4
 (c) 2 1 4 3 (d) 1 3 2 4
79. 1. In fact, some homeopathic medicines have seen a lot more tests than some allopathic ones.
 2. All diseases can be treated via homeopathy, its practitioners say
 3. The system of medicine is claimed to be older in several aspects than many successful allopathic medicine.
 4. There is some controversy on the effects of some medicines, though.
 (a) 1 4 3 2 (b) 1 2 3 4
 (c) 2 3 1 4 (d) 2 3 4 1
- Directions for Q80 and Q81:** The following question consists of a sentence that is either partly or entirely underlined and may or may not have a grammatical error. Below each sentence are four versions of the underlined part of the sentence. Choose the option that correctly rephrases the underlined part of the given sentence. Mark the answer as "No Error" if there is no error in the underlined part.
80. Dynamism and diplomatic went a long way in making a successful leader.
 (a) and diplomatic go a long way in making a successful leader
 (b) and diplomatic went a long way to make a successful leader
 (c) and diplomatic go a long way in making the successful leader
 (d) and diplomacy go a long way in making a successful leader
 (e) No error
81. The music, internet and TV right only can make for the substantial proportion of the total cost of making a movie.
 (a) Rights only can make to the substantial
 (b) Rights alone can make to a substantial
 (c) Rights alone can make to the substantial
 (d) Rights only can make a substantial
82. Choose the alternative for the given comparison.
 Native : Foreign
 (a) Habit : Routine (b) Common : Outstanding
 (c) Ordinary : Normal (d) Mundane : Boring
83. Change the tense in the sentence to the tense mentioned in brackets. Tick the correct tense. The dog had died when the doctor arrived. (Past continuous)
 (a) was dead (b) has dead
 (c) had died (d) was dying
84. Fill in the blanks with a word from the corresponding column in order to convey the opposite meaning.
 Those enamoured with the latest feminism drama which tells the story of the Equal Rights Amendment and its conservative nemesis Phyllis Schglatty, may also enjoy The Vote, an in-depth, two – part documentary, which at times plays out like a black – and – white prequel.
 (a) disenchanted by, superficial, radical
 (b) by radical, beneficial
 (c) beneficial, radical by
 (d) disenchanted by, radical, superficial
85. Rewrite the sentence eliminating the word "too". Choose the right option.
 The House is too large to not able to accommodate everybody.
 (a) The house is so large that it will not be able to accommodate everybody.
 (b) The house is large enough but will not be able to accommodate everybody.
 (c) The house is so large that it will be able to accommodate everybody
 (d) The house is very large that it will be able to accommodate everybody
86. In the following lines, there may be some articles correctly, some articles incorrectly used. Identify the correct answer from the options.
 As I am very fond of the nature, I want to trek in X Himalayas, climb X Mt. Everest and visit the river Ganges.
 (a) No error in the sentence
 (b) The, the, the, X
 (c) X, the, X, the
 (d) The, X, the, X

87. Choose the closest meaning of the underlined idiom in the sentence.
The deal was almost finalized, but the manager developed cold feet at the last moment and backed out.
(a) to show indifference
(b) to get afflicted with cold
(c) to fall down
(d) to feel frightened
88. Which part of the sentence given below has an error in it?
A. "The Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough" sees the broadcaster aboard the 56-metre (184-foot) Alucia research and exploration vessel, which features a state-of-the-art Triton submersible, laboratories and a helicopter.
B. Nearly 60 years later, the 89-year-old returns to the world's largest coral reef for a new television series, exploring the spectacular ecosystem.
C. British naturalist Sir David Attenborough first visited Australia's Great Barrier Reef in 1957, scuba-diving in its crystal clear waters along with an array of species.
D. "The huge privilege there was on this trip ... 60 years after my first one, is that we had this extraordinary technology," Attenborough said.
(a) ADBC (b) ACBD
(c) CBAD (d) CABD
89. Read the sentence carefully and complete the sentence with the words that best fit in the context.
Many people have chosen to see _____ in the new National Education Policy that has recently been announced by the central government, while others, _____ have expressed their _____, about the lofty claims the policymakers have made about it.
(a) Scepticism, novelty, understandably
(b) scepticism, royalty, understood
(c) understood, scepticism, royalty
(d) novelty, understandably, scepticism
90. Mark the option which best expresses the given sentence in Indirect speech.
She said, "Share these things among your team"
(a) She told you to share those things among my team
(b) She told me to share those things among your team
(c) She told you to share these things among my team
(d) She told me to share those things among my team
91. Find out which underlined part of the sentence below has an error and mark the option accordingly.
I am the one responsible for your loss, for I didn't know you have your agent working the case when I called in the media.
(a) for I
(b) you have your agent
(c) called in the media
(d) responsible for
92. Find out which part of the sentence below has an error and the option accordingly.
Its been a long / and tired day for / the minister as war / rages the border
(a) the minister as war (b) Its been a long
(c) and tired day for (d) rages the border
93. Find out which part of the sentence given below has an error and mark the option accordingly.
Its / been long / from our / last meeting
(a) last meeting (b) Its
(c) from our (d) been long
94. Select one word to replace each underlined word from the corresponding column of choices without changing the meaning of the sentences.
In time his nom de plume became so closely attached to him that few people knew his real name. The change in name correspondent to a profound shift in his lifestyle, in which he changed from a pillar of the establishment into a literary and political rebel.
(a) Supporter of the then government
(b) Non sequitur
(c) Dearest friend
(d) Assumed name
95. In the following sentences, identify the participles and the gerunds respectively by marking P OR Q
The teacher is giving a lecture on thermodynamics and explaining the basic principles
(a) P, P (b) G, P
(c) G, G (d) P, G
96. Convert the following sentences by changing its voice (Active to Passive or vice versa). Choose the right option.
The Germans regarded him as an imposter and called him a villain.
(a) The Germans called him a villain and regarded him as an imposter.
(b) He called the German a villain and regarded him as an imposter,
(c) He was regarded as an imposter and called a villain by the Germans
(d) The Germans were regarded as imposters and called a villain by him

97. Multiple choice (Select 1 out of 3 options, for the question below.)

Match the prepositions in column II with the phrases in column I in order to complement them.

Column I	Column II
(a) Convulsed ____ laughter.	i. for
(b) Income derived ____ various	ii. with Resources.
(c) Beneficial ____ health	iii. From
(d) Atone ____ his sins.	iv. to
(a) a-i, b-ii, c-iii, d-iv	(b) a-iv, b-ii, c-iii, d-i
(c) a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-I	(d) None of these

Directions for Q98 to Q100: Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

If you see now – born babies at a hospital in the U.S, you'll most likely see them in pink or blue outfits to mark their sex. Has the U.S always used colours to signify boys or girls? The short answer is no. Pastel colours for baby clothing – including blue and pink – were introduced in the mid - 19th century, and they didn't become sex-specific colours until the 20th century. A couple of different aspects affected the ultimate designation of pink for girls.

Back before pastels were popular for babies, most parents dressed their kids in white dresses until they were about six. Historian Jo(b) Paoletti says the outfit was practical : white cotton could be easily bleached, and dresses allowed convenient access for diaper changing. Then pastel colours became a fad for babies. These pastels weren't marketed to a certain sex : both boys and girls were dressed in a wide array of pastels, including blue and pink.

At the beginning of the 20th century, some stores began suggesting "sex appropriate" colours. In 1918 the table trade publication Earnshaw's Infants' Department claimed the "generally accepted rule is pink for the boys and blue for the girls. The reason is that pink, being a more decided and stronger colour, is more suitable for the boy, while blue, which is more delicate and dainty, is prettier for the girl." Additionally, a 1927 issue of Timenoted that large - scale department stores in Boston, Chicago and New York suggested pink for boys was not overwhelming as our current colour – sex designation, however.

98. State whether the following statement is true or false.
The U.S has not always favoured pink colour for girl children.
(a) Cannot be determined
(b) False
(c) True
99. The passage is primarily concerned with:
(a) Examining the origin of colour preferences for various sexes.
(b) Giving reasons why blue is suitable for boys
(c) Giving reasons why blue is suitable for girls
(d) Telling parents to choose whichever colour they want for their children

100. Which of these is the more practical choice for dressing babies, according to the author?

- (a) White dresses
(b) Pastel colours
(c) whatever is comfortable for the child
(d) None of these