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**Instructions (Q.1 to Q.7):** You are given four options. One of them improves the sentence by correcting grammar, punctuation, word choice, or sentence structure. Choose the option that best improves the sentence. **(Infosys)**

1. The analysis of results on the national tests found that math scores for black boys were not much different than those for black girls, but black boys lagged behind Hispanics of both sexes and that they fell behind white boys by at least 30 points, which is sometimes interpreted as three academic grades.

A. found that math scores for black boys were not much different than those for black girls, but black boys lagged behind Hispanics of both sexes and that they fell behind white boys by at least 30 points, which is sometimes interpreted as three academic grades.

B. has found that math scores for black boys were not much different from those for black girls, and that black boys lagged behind Hispanics of both sexes and that they fell behind white boys by at least 30 points, sometimes interpreted as three academic grades.

C. found that math scores for black boys are not much different than black girls, but that black boys lagged behind Hispanics of both sexes and that they fell behind white boys by at least 30 points, a gap sometimes interpreted as three academic grades.

D. found that math scores for black boys were not much different from those for black girls, but that black boys lagged behind Hispanics of both sexes and that they fell behind white boys by at least 30 points, a gap sometimes interpreted as three academic grades.

**Answer: D**

**Hint:** "Different from" is the correct idiom (not "different than"). The phrase "a gap sometimes interpreted as three academic grades" improves clarity and structure.

2. The report urges convening a White House conference, encouraging Congress to appropriate more money for schools and establishing networks of black mentors

A. convening a White House conference, encouraging Congress to appropriate more money for schools and establishing networks of black mentors

B. convening a White House conference, to encourage Congress to appropriate more money for schools and for establishing networks of black mentors

C. convening a White House conference, encouraging Congress to appropriate more money for schools and to establish networks of black mentors

D. the convening a White House conference, encouraging Congress to appropriate more money for schools and establishing networks of black mentors

**Answer: A**

**Hint:** All verbs are in parallel form: "convening," "encouraging," and "establishing." This maintains grammatical parallelism.

3. Zeno's paradoxes are a set of problems generally thought to have been devised by Zeno of Elea to support Parmenide's doctrine that "all is one" and that, contrary to the evidence of our senses, the belief in plurality and change is mistaken, and in particular that motion is nothing but an illusion.

A. by Zeno of Elea to support Parmenide's doctrine that "all is one" and that, contrary to the evidence of our senses, the belief in plurality and change is mistaken, and in particular that motion

B. from Zeno of Elea to support Parmenide's doctrine that "all is one" and contrary to the evidence of our senses, the belief in plurality and change is mistaken, and in particular that motion

C. by Zeno of Elea supporting Parmenide's doctrine that "all is one" and that, contrary to the evidence of our senses, the belief in plurality and change was mistaken, and in particular motion

D. of Zeno of Elea in an attempt to support Parmenide's doctrine that "all is one" and that, despite our senses giving evidence to the contrary, the belief in plurality and change is mistaken, and in particular that motion

**Answer: A**

**Hint:** Proper idiomatic structure and tense. "By Zeno of Elea to support..." is clear and grammatically correct.

4. The Civil Partnership Act 2004, introduced by the Labour government and supported by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat opposition, grants civil partnerships in the United Kingdom with rights and responsibilities identical to a civil marriage.

A. introduced by the Labour government and supported by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat opposition, grants civil partnerships in the United Kingdom with rights and responsibilities identical to

B. introduced by the Labour government and supported by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat opposition, granted civil partnerships in the United Kingdom with rights and responsibilities identical to that of

C. being introduced by the Labour government and supported by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat opposition, grants civil partnerships on the United Kingdom that has rights and responsibilities identical to those of

D. introduced by the Labour government and supported by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat opposition, grants civil partnerships in the United Kingdom with rights and responsibilities identical to those of

**Answer: D**

**Hint:** The comparison must be "identical to those of" to match plural "rights and responsibilities" properly.

5. An environmental disaster, the World Cup, political malapropisms, new senses to ancient words, a booming economic colossus and a heroic rescue that captivated the world contributed for the year's top words compiled by the Global Language Monitor

A. political malapropisms, new senses to ancient words, a booming economic colossus and a heroic rescue that captivated the world contributed for

B. political malapropisms, new senses given to ancient words, booming of an economic colossus and a heroic rescue that captivated the world contributed to

C. political malapropisms, new senses to ancient words, a booming economic colossus and a heroic rescue that will captivate the world contribute to

D. political malapropisms, new senses to ancient words, a booming economic colossus and a heroic rescue that captivated the world contributed to

**Answer: D**

**Hint:** The verb "contributed" correctly collocates with "to," not "for." The sentence is logically and grammatically coherent.

6. Slow as a snail, prone to delays, and overburdened by a ridership that grew by double digits in the last decade, the much-maligned F train is in dire need of a spruce-up.

A. and overburdened by a ridership that grew by double digits in the last decade, the much-maligned F train is in dire need of a

B. and overburdened with a ridership that is growing by double digits in the last decade, the much-maligned F train is in dire need of a

C. despite overburdened by a ridership that grew by double digits in the last decade, the much-maligned F train is in dire need for a

D. and overburdened by a ridership which grew by double digits in the last decade, the much-maligned F trains are in dire need of a

**Answer: A**

**Hint:** "Overburdened by" is the correct preposition; also, the subject "train" agrees with the singular verb "is."

7. From Long Island to Buffalo, judges are sorting through duelling claims of electoral wrongdoing and election workers are pouring over ballots trying to determine the voters' intent.

A. judges are sorting through duelling claims of electoral wrongdoing and election workers are pouring over ballots trying to determine

B. judges were sorting in duelling claims of electoral wrongdoing and election workers pour over ballots trying to determine

C. judges are sorting from duelling claims of electoral wrongdoing and election workers are pouring over ballots trying in an effort for determining

D. judges are sorting through dual claims of electoral wrongdoing but election workers are pouring over ballots for trying to determine

**Answer: A**

**Hint:** "Sorting through" and "poring over" are the correct expressions. "Poring" (not "pouring") means examining carefully.

**Instructions (Q.7 to Q.12):** Each question consists of a pair of words that share a particular relationship. You are to find another pair from the given options that has the same or most similar relationship. Identify the logic or connection (e.g., cause-effect, part-whole, synonym, antonym, tool-user, category-member, etc.) between the first pair, and apply it to select the correct option.

(TCS)

8. **Whale : Mammal :: Crocodile : ?**

A) Fish

B) Amphibian

C) Reptile

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D) Insect

Answer: **C) Reptile**

**Hint:** Just as a whale is a mammal, a crocodile is a reptile—category-member relationship.

9. **Garrulous : Talkative :: Taciturn : ?**

A) Friendly

B) Reserved

C) Loud

D) Curious

Answer: **B) Reserved**

**Hint:** "Garrulous" is synonymous with "talkative"; "taciturn" is synonymous with "reserved."

10. **Incendiary : Fire :: Soporific : ?**

A) Sleep

B) War

C) Noise

D) Destruction

Answer: **A) Sleep**

**Hint:** "Incendiary" causes fire; "soporific" causes sleep—cause-effect relationship.

11. **Jester : Jest :: Prophet : ?**

A) Prediction

B) Blessing

C) Sermon

D) Truth

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**Answer: A) Prediction**

**Hint:** A jester makes jests, a prophet makes predictions—agent-action relationship.

**12. Mosaic : Tiles :: Collage : ?**

A) Images

B) Paper

C) Paintings

D) Colour

**Answer: A) Images**

**Hint:** A mosaic is made of tiles; a collage is made of images—whole-part/material relationship.

**Instructions (Q.13 to Q.16):** Fill in the blank with the most appropriate option.

**(WIPRO)**

**13. We're out ..... coffee. Could you please go to the supermarket and pick up some more.**

- (a) for
- (b) in
- (c) of
- (d) to

**Answer: C) of**

**Hint:** "Out of coffee" is the correct expression to indicate something is finished.

**14. This morning I received a cheque in the mail ..... one thousand dollars.**

- (a) about
- (b) for
- (c) on
- (d) with

**Answer: B) for**

**Hint:** "A cheque for" is the correct collocation when indicating amount.

**15. You're really annoying me. You're doing it ..... purpose, aren't you?**

- (a) about
- (b) (b) of
- (c) (c) on
- (d) (d) in

**Answer: C) on**

**Hint:** "On purpose" is the correct idiomatic expression meaning "intentionally."

16. Can you tell the difference ..... butter and margarine?

- (a) in
- (b) with
- (c) between
- (d) about

**Answer: C) between**

**Hint:** Use "between" when distinguishing two items.

**Instructions (Q.17 to Q20.):** Read the given passage carefully and thoroughly. Choose the most appropriate option to answer the questions based on the passage.

**(KPIT)**

Pisa offers a quit holiday. Apart from the leaning Tower square where the tourist flock, the city is free of the kind of crud one sees at Florence. An 11 km bus ride bring us to Marinade Pisa, the costal extension of the city, where the Liguria Sea and quaint buildings provide a few hours of relaxed walks. However, there isn't much of a beach. Gone is the tension of the previous night, when, flying into Italy in the late hours, my wife and I were a little apprehensive. Compared to Germany where we had spent three weeks, Italy, one thought, was 'unsafe'. The fears were compounded when the night bus from the airport terminated at the railway station, instead of going ask the way to our hotel. "Ten Euros," said the cab driver at the station when asked how much the ride to the hotel would cast. Quite sure he was ever-charging, we got in nevertheless. At 10.30 p.m., we anyway had little choice, the streets were dimly lit and the driver was uncommunicative. Stopping at a desolate building after we jade clearly gone out of the city limits, he announced; "Your hotel," I gave him a 10-Euro bill and turned away. but they can man stopped me. "your change, sir," he said, pointing to three meter which read 8.20 Euros. The small change O got back that day was like receiving the certificate of a nation's honesty, Italy, as it turned out, was just fine.

17. The author and his wife were-

- (a) thrilled at the idea of travelling to Italy.
- (b) concerned about safety.
- (c)worried because of high coast
- (d) worried because of language problem.

Answer: **B)**

**Hint:** The passage says they were apprehensive and compared Italy unfavorably with Germany in terms of

18. The author –

- (a) was cheated by the taxi driver
- (b) did not like the etiquette of the taxi driver
- (c) was pleasantly surprised but the rectitude if the driver.
- (d) was irked because the driver was very talkative

Answer: **C)**

**Hint:** The driver returned the change honestly, which the author appreciated.

19. Pisa-

- (a) has many traffic jams
- (b) is full of business houses.
- (c) is a quiet town
- (d) has major pollution problems

Answer: **C)**

**Hint:** Described as free from the crowds and "crud" of Florence; suitable for relaxed walks.

20. Maeina de Pisa-

- (a) is known for its beautiful beaches.
- (b) is full of churches.
- (c) has many shopping centers
- (d) is a coastal city

Answer: **D)**

**Hint:** "The coastal extension of the city" and "Liguria Sea" clearly describe its seaside location.