

PT-5

Instructions (Q.1 to Q.5): Read the given passage carefully and thoroughly. Choose the most appropriate option to answer the questions based on passage. **(Tech Mahindra)**

Ravi Shankar has a large circle of friends and is very popular at parties. Everybody admires him for his fine sense of humor everybody, that is, except his six-year old daughter Meenakshi. Recently one of Ravi's friends asked him to make a speech at a reception. This is the sort of thing that Ravi loves. He prepared the speech carefully and went to the party with Meenakshi. He had included a large number of funny stories in the speech and, of course, it was a great success. As soon as he had finished, Meenakshi told him she wanted to go home. Ravi was a little disappointed by this but he did as his daughter asked. On the way home, he asked Meenakshi if she had enjoyed the speech. To his surprise, she said she hadn't. Ravi asked her why this as so and she told him that she did not like to see so many people laughing at him.

1. Ravi was popular because:

- (a) he made speeches
- (b) he told stories
- (c) he had a good sense of humor
- (d) he loved parties

Answer:

(c)

Hint: The passage says "*Everybody admires him for his fine sense of humor.*"

2. Ravi loves to:

- (a) meet people
- (b) talk to his daughter
- (c) make a speech
- (d) made people laugh

Answer:

(c)

Hint: It mentions "*This is the sort of thing that Ravi loves*" referring to making a speech.

3. Ravi went to the party:

- (a) with his wife
- (b) with his daughter
- (c) with his mother
- (d) with his friend

Answer:

(b)

Hint: The passage says “*he went to the party with Meenakshi.*”

4. Ravi was disappointed because:

- (a) Meenakshi did not enjoy his speech
- (b) Meenakshi wanted to go home immediately after the speech
- (c) People did not like his speech
- (d) Meenakshi did not like people laughing at Ravi

Answer:

(b)

Hint: “*Ravi was a little disappointed by this*” refers to her request to go home right after his speech.

5. Meenakshi failed to rally party:

- (a) the party was over
- (b) everyone had been laughing at Ravi’s stories, not at Ravi
- (c) Ravi had finished his speech
- (d) it was a reception party

Answer:

(b)

Hint: She said “*she did not like to see so many people laughing at him*”, misunderstanding their laughter.

Instructions (Q.6 to Q.12): 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.

(KPIT)

6. Since companies are rethinking their portfolios for the post crisis world, they should ask themselves if they are still the best owner of their assets.

A. Since companies are rethinking their portfolios for the post crisis world, they should ask themselves if they are still the best owner of their assets

B. As companies rethink their portfolios for the post crisis world, they will ask themselves if they still continue to be the best owner of their assets

C. As companies rethink their portfolios for the post crisis world, they should ask themselves whether they are still the best owners of their assets

D. As companies rethink their portfolios for the post crisis world, each of them should ask themselves if they are still the best owners of their assets

Answer – C

Hint: "Whether" is the correct choice in indirect questions. "Owners" agrees in number.

7. As investors are demanding companies to actively manage their business portfolios, executives must increasingly balance investment opportunities against the capital that's available to finance them.

A. As investors are demanding companies to actively manage their business portfolios, executives must increasingly balance investment opportunities against the capital that's available to finance them

B. As investors demand that companies actively manage their business portfolios, executives must increasingly balance investment opportunities against the capital that's available to finance these opportunities

C. As investors demand that companies should actively manage their business portfolios, executives must increasingly balance investment opportunities with the capital that's available to finance it

D. Due to the investors demand that companies actively manage their business portfolios, executives must increasingly balance investment opportunities with the capital that's available to finance them

Answer – B

Hint: "Demand that" is the correct expression, and "these opportunities" improves clarity.

8. The telecom minister had been indicted by the Supreme court in the 2G spectrum scam, which resulted in a loss of about \$1.7 trillion to the exchequer.

A. had been indicted by the Supreme court in the 2G spectrum scam, which resulted

B. has been indicted in the 2G spectrum scam by the Supreme court, which resulted

C. has been indicted by the Supreme court in the 2G spectrum scam, which resulted

D. is indicted by the Supreme court in the 2G spectrum scam that resulted

Answer – C

Hint: "Has been indicted" shows recent past with relevance; "which resulted" fits the cause-effect.

9. I-slate is targeted at millions of Indian school children who do not have access to electricity.

A. I-slate is targeted at millions of Indian school children who do not have access to electricity.

B. I-slate is targeted towards millions of Indian school children who do not have access to electricity.

C. I-slate is targeted at millions of Indian school children that do not have access to electricity.

D. I-slate is targeted for millions of Indian school children who did not have access to electricity.

Answer – A

Hint: "Targeted at" is the correct preposition; "who" is proper for people.

10. In October, the chairman of Tata Sons, Ratan Tata, gifted \$50 million for his alma mater, the Harvard Business School to give back to the school a little bit of what it had given him

A. In October, the chairman of Tata Sons, Ratan Tata, gifted \$50 million for his alma mater, the Harvard Business School to give back to the school a little bit of what it

B. In October, the chairman of Tata Sons, Ratan Tata, has gifted \$50 million to his alma mater, the Harvard Business School, which is an attempt to give back to the school a little bit of what it

C. In October, the chairman of Tata Sons, Ratan Tata, gifted \$50 million to his alma mater, the Harvard Business School, in an attempt to give back to the school a little bit of what they

D. In October, the chairman of Tata Sons, Ratan Tata, gifted \$50 million to his alma mater, the Harvard Business School, in an attempt to give back to the school a little bit of what it

Answer – D

Hint: "Gifted to" is correct; "in an attempt to give back" is grammatically clear and appropriate.

11. For smaller retailers and Web sites, which pay regular mail rates and may be shipping from only one location, free shipping is not nearly as affordable and often must be added into prices

A. which pay regular mail rates and may be shipping from only one location, free shipping is not nearly as affordable and often must

B. that pay regular mail rates and may ship from only one location, free shipping is not nearly as affordable and often must

C. who pay regular mail rates and may ship from only one location, free shipping is not nearly so affordable and it often must

D. which pay regular mail rates and may ship from only one location, free shipping is not nearly as affordable and often must

Answer – D

Hint: “Which pay” agrees with plural subject “retailers and websites”; “may ship” is parallel.

12. Political satire typically seizes on a public official’s foibles or flaws and exaggerates them.

A. Political satire typically seizes on a public official’s foibles or flaws and exaggerates them

B. Political satire seizes typically on a public official’s foibles and flaws or exaggerates them

C. Political satire typically seizes on a public official’s foibles or flaws thereby exaggerating it

D. Political satire tends to typically seize on a public official’s foibles or flaws and exaggerate them

Answer – A

Hint: Clear and correct sentence structure. “Exaggerates them” matches plural “foibles or flaws.”

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

(Wipro)

13. A unique aspect of the Indian EVM is that it is not connected _____ the Internet, therefore not easy to access for tampering.

- (a) with
- (b) for
- (c) by

(d) (d) to

ANSWER-D

Hint: The correct preposition for “connected” in this context is “to.”

14. For the Election Commission of India to claim there is nothing wrong with the EVMs is neither sufficient _____ enough.

- (a) for
- (b) or
- (c) to
- (d) nor

ANSWER-D

Hint: "Neither...nor" is the correct correlative conjunction pair.

15. On multiple occasions ECI demonstrations of EVMs _____ gone wrong

- (a) Have
- (b) Has
- (c) had
- (d) was

ANSWER-A.

Hint: “Demonstrations” is plural; thus, “have” is used.

16. His pet anaconda died five months and he still misses it.

- (a) for
- (b) since
- (c) ago
- (d) on

ANSWER-C

Hint: “Ago” is used with a specific past time expression.

Instructions (Q.17 to Q.20): Choose the most appropriate meaning for each idiom.

(Infosys)

17. Throw in the towel

- A) Give up
- B) Celebrate
- C) Argue
- D) Disagree

Answer:

(A)

Hint: Originates from boxing — to quit or surrender.

18. Put the cart before the horse

- A) Work effectively
- B) Reverse normal order
- C) Show excitement
- D) Lose patience

Answer:

(B)

Hint: Doing things in the wrong sequence.

19. Kick the can down the road

- A) Solve a problem
- B) Postpone a decision
- C) Face consequences
- D) Handle a crisis

Answer:

(B)

Hint: Avoid dealing with a problem now.

20. Bite off more than you can chew

- A) Overeat
- B) Take on too much
- C) Be arrogant
- D) Run away

Answer:

(B)

Hint: Accepting more responsibility than one can handle.