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**ENGLISH WINTER BREAK HOMEWORK- 2016-17**

**Grade:  XI                                                                 Date:15.12.2016**

**1.The passage given below contains several grammar mistakes. The mistakes are in the numbered words or phrases. Correct the mistakes.**The auditorium **was decorating** (1) with buntings. Chairs **are neatly arranged** (2) in rows for the invitees. The dais **was** (3) a beautiful backdrop. The principal **was escorted** (4) the chief guest to the stage. When they **were all occupied** (5) their seats, two girls **sung**(6) the prayer. After that the principal **was reading** (7) the annual report. Then the chief guest **had made** (8) a brief speech. He **was advised** (9) the students to work hard. He said that they should aim at success and **bringing** (10) credit to the school. This **followed** (11) by the prize distribution ceremony. Students who **have won (**12) prizes in various competitions **invited** (13) to the stage. They**had received** (14) prizes from the chief guest.

**2. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in the answer sheet against the correct blank number.**

**Wrong     correct**

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| “Either you or your friend Shalu have stolen my note | a) ...………. ..…..…… |
| book”, shouted Shreya. Neither I nor my friend were | b) ...………. ..…..…… |
| your culprit, said Shalu. We both are not in the class since | c) ...………. ..…..…… |
| morning. We are out for the annual day function. | d) ...………. ..…..…… |
| But who are the culprit then? asked Shreya. | e) ...………. ..…..…… |
| I don’t know that but we both were not guilty. | f) ...………. ..…..…… |

**3.The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.**  
  
1. I would welcome the chance to working as part \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
2. of a small dynamic team how I could make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
3. an significant contribution while developing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
4. my skills yet further. I must be happy to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
5. show you a portfolio of mine work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
6. I am available with interview next week and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
7. look forward to hear from you. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4.In each sentence, you find an error. Rewrite the sentence with a correct alternative.**   
  
1. He will stay. If you asked him to. (conditionals)   
2. Having doing his duty, he felt satisfied. (participle)   
3. I have usually a cold shower in the morning. (place of adverb)   
4. The number of people attending the meeting was quite small.(subject verb agreement)

**5. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it against the correct blank number.**   
  
a) Have you ever seen banyan tree? The banyan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
b) must be biggest tree found in India. A full \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
c) grown banyan is as high as three storeyed building. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
d) We don’t see banyan trees in cities. They are so huge that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
e) they can only grow in open places. Banyan looks like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
f) palace standing on pillars. It doesn’t have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
g) just main trunk like others do. It has many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
h) roots coming down. These hanging roots enter ground \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
e) and look like smaller trunks. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**6. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it against the correct blank number.**   
  
a) It was not new emotion. Doubt was my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
b) oldest enemy. I knew well. Yet I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
c) had never expected to come, to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
d) arrive so suddenly. There was feeling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
e) that I would be free from it. But was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
f) not so. More I tried, the more I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
g) felt confused. But way had to be found at any cost. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
h) I could not start work without tension. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**7**.**The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet.   
  
The general elections were to be hold next month e.g. hold….held**   
  
a) The polling booth was set up. All the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
b) Polling officer could be appointed. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
c) task of appointing observers might completed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
d) Ballot papers will be sent to their proper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
e) places. In fact all the arrangements had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
f) made. The general elections must be held smoothly. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**8.The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.**   
  
Nothing, they say, was more constant than change. e.g. was – is   
Science, being a dynamic subject, was regularly witness (a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
to changes, as old theories periodically gets discarded (b) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
and new ideas regularly pop up. We are living at very (c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
interesting times. A scientific temper, having lain (d) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
quiescent for some years, is get charged with a slew of (e) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
new discoveries tumbling in of laboratories around the globe. (f) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**9.The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which there is a blank. Underline each error and write your correction in the space provided.**I entered the manager's office and sat down.I have just lost five hundred rupees and I felt very upset. a) \_\_\_\_\_\_"I leave the money in my desk," I said, b) \_\_\_\_\_\_"and it is not there now". The manager was very sympatheticbut he can do nothing. "Everyone loses money these days", c) \_\_\_\_\_\_he said, He start to complain about this wicked world, d) \_\_\_\_\_\_but is interrupted by a knock at the door. e) \_\_\_\_\_\_A girl came in and puts an envelope on his desk. f) \_\_\_\_\_\_It contains five hundred rupees. "I found this g) \_\_\_\_\_\_outside this gentleman's room," she said."Well! I say to the manager, "there is still some h) \_\_\_\_\_\_honesty in this world !"

**10**.**The following passage is incomplete. One word has been omitted in every line against which there is a blank. Indicate the place where the word has to be inserted with a / and write the word in the space provided**.  
  
Parmesh and his friends planning a trip a) \_\_\_\_\_  
during the summer vacations. While all of them b) \_\_\_\_\_   
keen to get away from the heat, none them were able to suggest which place to visit.  
 c) \_\_\_\_\_  
It only draw of lots which could finally decide the matter. d) \_\_\_\_\_  
They decided on Ooty as it neither too far away nor too crowded. e) \_\_\_\_\_  
The date of departure and the duration of their stay still to be decided. f) \_\_\_\_\_  
The announcement of their final exam date sheet still two weeks away. g) \_\_\_\_\_  
Until then, each of them resolved h) \_\_\_\_\_  
collect information about hill station. i) \_\_\_\_\_

**11.Edit the passage underlining the mistake present in every line by writing the correct word in the blank space.**My day begins on five O'clock in the morning a) \_\_\_\_\_It has been so since the last forty years b) \_\_\_\_\_\_except for the two years of which I was c) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_very ill. I wake up at the sound of an d) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_alarm clock bought at 1952. e) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_From then until today, it has never f) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_let me down. My routine, however turns topsy\_turvyin holidays when I cannot sleep for ten O'clock. I have g) \_\_\_\_\_\_   
maintained a fairly regular routine over my working years. h) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_When I retire on two years' time, I hope I will be i) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_able to continue this practice.

**12.Rearrange these words to make meaningful sentences.**

1. of mankind / the habit / reading is / one of / resources / of / the greatest /

2. are / we enjoy / that / belong to us / than if / much more / they / borrowed / reading books /

3. the hand / your library / should be / as well as / free / accessible / to / to the eye / and /

4. one of / that of reading / known to / is / greatest / the / pleasures / man

5. a rich variety / adventure and wisdom / the / world of books / has / of /

6. own / you / book / convenience / can enjoy / a / at your /

**13. Rearrange these words to make meaningful sentences.**

1. ship/ violently /the/ storm /rocked /the

2. masterpiece/ artist /painstakingly/ the/ his/ worked /at

3. /gift/ free /a /Dad/ offered /firm /by /the/ was/.

4. I/ read /paper /in /the /burglar /been /caught/ had /the /that/.

5. nightfall /began /cricketers/ the /at /their/ piercing /calls./

6. wore /a /hat/ he/ of/ coconut/ made/ fiber/ his/ on /head/.

7. parts / many /coffee /popular/ in /world/ the/ is/ very /of. /

8. cave /could/ explore /not /they /torch /the /without/ a. /

9. the /storm /shed /damaged/ the /was /during./

10. the /dog /James/ talking /sat /next/ to /himself /to. /

**14. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of the verbs-**

1) He usually\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a hill station during holidays but this year he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (go, not go)

2) My brother\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ here tomorrow, he generally\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (come, not come)

3) I generally\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to my school but today I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in my brother’s car. (walk, go)

4) Why are you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a noise? He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Don’t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him. (make, sleep, disturb)

5) I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to play with my class\_fellows. (love)

6) Be silent. The candidates\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their examination. (write)

7) Be quick; my mother\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (walk)

8) She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lessons in classical music. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with harmonium. (take, practice)

9) I cannot tolerate it; I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (leave)

10) My car \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ servicing. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it to the service station. (need, take)

**15. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the verbs:**

1) The poor beggar \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ here since 10 o’clock. (sit)

2) He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the last 10 days. (suffer)

3) I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ since 5 a.m. (tire, work)

4) I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for you for three hours. (wait)

5) He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ letters all the afternoon. (write)

6) They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in this school for the last five years. (teach)

7) My mother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her clothes the whole morning. (wash)

8) What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the last two hours? (do)

9) We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the test for the last so many days. (prepare)

10) Please have some rest; you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the last three hours. (play)

**16. Supply the correct tense of the verb in the brackets.**

1. The army \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the extremist. (Apprehend)
2. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this lesson before you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to school yesterday. (teach, come)
3. My maid-servant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me a few days ago and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to her home. (leave, go)
4. They had to come back when their car \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a snag. (develop)
5. Shirkers never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hard. (work)
6. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what you have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me. (forget, tell)
7. The moon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when we left the house. (shine)
8. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the job. (decide, undertake)
9. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the last seven years. (live)
10. He generally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a black coat but today he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a white one. (wear, wear)

**17. Rewrite the passage using the correct form of the verb given in brackets.**

1. For a while I (can) not decide whether I should speak to her not. I did not have the guts to tell her that her mother (die) before the doctor (arrive). She (turn) her eyes towards me. She (anxious) to know about her mother. I (collect) courage and (move) my lips and silently told her that her mother (pass away).
2. When I (go) to meet my boss, he (write) a letter. I (sit) in a chair and (wait) for him. When he (be) free, he (greet) me and I (ask) me what he (can) do for me. I (tell) him that my mind (be) full of ideas but I (not know) how to express them. He (look) at me and (smile). He (give) me a piece of paper, (dictate) some words which I (write) like a machine. I (thank) him before (leave) his house.
3. He (not expect) that his words (lead) to such a ruckus. What (be) creativity for him (be) obscene for the cadres of the BJP. People (vandalize) the art gallery and (manhandle) many. Some persons (arrest) on charges of (promote) enmity between different groups.