

SENTENCE COMPLETION

Concept

Sentence completion

- Proactive solving
- Identifying clues
 - Signposts
 - Support sign – and, similarly, in addition, since, also, thus, because, etc.
 - Contrast sign – but, despite, yet, however, unless, rather, although, etc.
 - Root word clues
 - Prefixes
 - Positive – pro, bene, philo, etc.
 - Negative – non, un, im, in, mal, etc.
 - Suffixes
 - Positive – ble, ant, ent, en, etc.
 - Negative – less, cide, etc.
 - Sentence structure clues
 - Cause & effect – accordingly, consequently, because, thus, for, since
 - Definition/ Restatement – comma, semicolon or colon
 - Part of speech

Para-jumbles

● Two types

- Moving Jumbles – sentences are moving with no fixed/ anchor sentences.
- Anchor Jumbles – 1 or 2 anchor sentences in the beginning / end of the paragraph.

Some strategies to working on questions on Para-jumbles

- Find the opening sentence
- Identify logical pairs to eliminate options
- Take cues from signpost words
- Match the right pronoun with the antecedents
- Look for action sequences
- Seek generic to specific transitions
- Use clues about abbreviations, the way a name is talked about and other such clues when dealing with tie-breakers

Drill

Fill these blanks proactively:

1. He thought his problems were way too _____.
2. I am not totally _____ to the idea; however, I do have some _____.
3. The job required one to have _____ ability. All the candidate's attempts to _____ the recruiter that he possessed the same in good measure were in vain.
4. The man next door, _____, has been recommended by my aunt to my professor.
5. She couldn't believe that she had scored 90% in physics, _____.

Which part-of-speech would you need to fill each of these blanks?

1. The doctor won huge _____ for his services.
2. I had _____ reached the place, when I got a telephone call.
3. On this _____ occasion, I would like to introduce my fiancée to you all.
4. He had done all the work _____.
5. We had done the job _____.

6. The king was very proud of his _____.
7. Swami Vivekandanda was a _____.
8. He had finished his assignment and project work _____.
9. He is my best friend _____ I can't avoid inviting him.
10. He may have come to your house very often _____ that is no reason why you should go to his at this moment.

Complete the sentence with correct answer.

1. People often revel under the impression that only the poor and less educated people use slang, but this idea is totally _____.
a. Accurate b. Popular c. Erroneous d. ineffective
2. He thought he had executed a perfect crime. His unique perfume _____.
a. helped him with it b. put the police on the wrong scent
c. made the police dogs faint d. was his undoing
3. The beauty of the theory's simplicity is also its _____; for only by _____ the assumptions of the theory is it possible to explain the most recent observations made by researchers.
a. glory, avoiding b. undoing, supplementing
c. virtue, negating d. downfall, considering
4. Samuel Clemens was better known by the _____ Mark Twain, which he used as a result of his knowledge of river boat piloting.
a. Pseudonym b. mountebank c. protagonist d. misanthrope

Arrange each set of sentences to form a coherent paragraph. Also mention the appropriate strategy to be used for the purpose.

1. A. and, the best part is, she never underwent any training for this.
B. she takes less than half the average time which others take to do the same.
C. she has always solved questions of this type very easily.
2. A. however, all of a sudden, some people began to demand that he pave way for youngsters.
B. as though in response to this, he chose to retire from ODI's.
C. Sachin Tendulkar is an all-time favourite of many a cricket fan across the globe.
3. A. but, when she began to listen to the husband's side of things, she began to think again.
B. the judge began to weep after listening to her story.
C. the husband and wife approached a family court seeking divorce.
4. A. human rights activists raised a hue and cry about the death penalty.
B. the man who was wanted in many rape and murder cases was nabbed.
C. at the trial, after he admitted to all the crimes he had been accused of, he was given capital punishment.
5. A. this mango seems to be an exception, he said.
B. normally, we get sweet mangoes from his garden.
C. we go inside his garden once a week.

Number the following in the correct order:

- Rahul went to his computer and worked late at night. He slept very late.
- He walked to work for about half an hour. He started his work immediately.

- At dusk he called it a day and started home where his wife and mother also live.
- Getting up early Rahul had a big breakfast.
- At home he had his food cooked by the latter.
- He did not have his lunch. He never feels hungry at lunch time.

Concept Review Questions

Directions for questions 1 to 10: Choose the most logical fit for each blank.

1. Although the teasers for the TV show were absolutely _____, the show itself was well-presented, well-timed, and represented a rather _____ work.
 - a. spectacular, mediocre
 - b. sombre, professional
 - c. explicit, vulgar
 - d. crude, polished
2. Despite the fact that the New Green Palm communities are almost _____, they leave behind a _____ legacy of architecture and furniture design.
 - a. outdated, fleeting
 - b. inactive, demure
 - c. extinct, colossal
 - d. self-sufficient, vital
3. After a sudden and fierce _____ that overthrew the Prime Minister, Captain Habibi declared himself the dictator of the island nation.
 - a. Nuance
 - b. Coup
 - c. Solicitation
 - d. reproach
4. His _____ speech about the landlord's tyrannical ways was heard by the people who wanted him back from _____.
 - a. open, gaol
 - b. short, office
 - c. important, home
 - d. candid, exile
5. The Mayor formed a taskforce to simplify several of the _____ city orders and rules that were unnecessarily complicated and out-of-date.
 - a. Contemporary
 - b. Practical
 - c. Byzantine
 - d. modern
6. The company _____ its maximum revenue during the late 90's.
 - a. Reached
 - b. Saw
 - c. Lost
 - d. realised
7. Lee was cleared of all allegations; he was free of all charges _____ against him.
 - a. Accused
 - b. Alleged
 - c. Leveled
 - d. vindicated
8. Since his parents had financial constraints, Gary was _____ to his uncle for paying for his college education.
 - a. Forced
 - b. Attached
 - c. Obligated
 - d. demented
9. Craig found it hard to _____ himself from the problem he had created by producing fake documents.
 - a. Rebuke
 - b. engulf
 - c. Oust
 - d. extricate
10. The scientist made several _____ discoveries.
 - a. Innovate
 - b. Brilliant
 - c. Well
 - d. innovation

Direction for questions 11 to 20: Select the arrangement of each set of fragments / sentences that would make them into a coherent paragraph:

11. A. depends not on merit and ability, but on quotas based on caste
 B. or have a good work ethic as one of its core values
 C. community and gender or any other criterion, can hardly be stable
 D. a society where access to education and jobs
 a. CBDA b. DBCA c. CBAD d. DACB
12. A. but it is also an age of short-term goals, changing career paths, decentralized structures and decision making
 B. the new age of information and society of organizations
 C. and jobs that no longer guarantee life-time employment

D. is not just about egalitarian teams replacing the hierarchies of yesteryear

- a. BCAD b. BACD c. BDCA d. BDAC

13. A. the groups it is meant to benefit
 B. instead of creating more quotas
 C. the existing quotas have actually helped to improve
 D. the government would do better to look at whether
 a. DABC b. BADC c. CABD d. BDCA
14. A. But there are omissions and commissions in planning
 B. It is true that standard has fallen in the general sector
 C. In a period of expansion it is inevitable
 D. Some say that quantitative expansion is achieved at the expense of quality
 E. And the number of substandard institutions increased
 a. DABCE b. DBECA c. BEDCA d. BDECA
15. A. which has plagued animal cloning efforts
 B. primates such as humans, apes and monkeys
 C. meaning cloned babies are protected from experiencing fetal outgrowth.
 D. possess two functional copies of a gene that regulates fetal growth
 a. BADC b. ADCB c. BDAC d. BDCA
16. A. when compared to prosperous and progressive nations
 B. the percentage of people having basic education
 C. and that is why they are poor and backward
 D. in the under developed and developing countries is dismally low
 a. ABDC b. BDAC c. BADC d. ACBD
17. A. Although there is a huge shift in the quality of ads that we come across on a daily basis, thanks essentially to improvement in technology, I somehow can't help but feel that the quality of communication of the message has become diluted.
 B. Over the years, I have had the opportunities to observe and understand the thought processes behind the ads that have been flooding both the print and the TV media.
 C. Another reason could be the burgeoning number of companies, which means an exponential increase in the number of ads that are being made.
 D. Proportionally, the number of ads that lack in quality, have gone up exponentially as well!!
 E. There is an increasing attempt by most companies to be seen as cool and funky.
 a. ACEDB b. BAECD c. CAEBD d. ABDEC
18. A. he returned to acting in 1946 and gave it up in 1963, and is now a full time writer
 B. during the World War II (1939-45) he joined the US Navy and was present at the sinking of the Bismarck
 C. in 1940, he got married and started teaching at Good Samaritan School in Bloomsbury
 D. at first his writings were not recognised
 a. ABDC b. CBAD c. BADC d. ACBD
19. A. proper development of universities and colleges must be ensured
 B. cost benefit yardstick thus should not be applied in the case of universities
 C. universities cannot be equated with commercial enterprises

- D. most of the universities in the country are now facing financial crisis
E. the current state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue for long
a. DECBA b. CBADE c. BADCE d. ACBDE
20. A. Jawaharlal Nehru was born in Allahabad on 14 November, 1889
B. Nehru met Mahatma Gandhi in February, 1920
C. in 1905 he was sent to London to study at a school called Harrow
D. he became the first Prime Minister of Independent India on 15 August, 1947
E. he married Kamala Kaul in 1915
a. DECBA b. CBADE c. ACEBD d. ACBDE

Directions for questions 21 to 25: Fill in the blanks with logical links in the given passage.

We can appreciate the importance of Chemistry if we understand what chemistry is. It is an experimental science which has the task

of 21 the materials out of which the things in the universe are made. Analyses have 22 things to be composed of elements aggregated in different 23. Millions of 24 which are used in our daily life are prepared with only a few dozen elements. Even the 25 molecule does not contain more than four or five types of elements.

21. a. Implementing b. Investigating c. Inventing d. collecting
22. a. Revealed b. Allowed c. Facilitated d. Assumed
23. a. Shapes b. Manners c. Styles d. Proportion
24. a. Products b. Compounds c. Substances d. Ornamental
25. a. Biggest b. Heaviest c. Longest d. Darkest