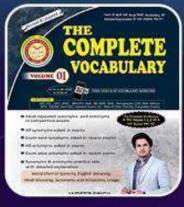


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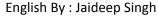






- The museum's collection includes artefacts dated back to prehistoric times.
 - (A) date back to
 - (B) No improvement.
 - (C) dating back to
 - (D) date backs to
- The second pigeon flew just as the first pigeon had flown.
 - (A) No improvement
 - (B) one had done
 - (C) one had flown away
 - (D) had done
- 3. I usually **did not take** sugar in my tea.
 - (A) do not take
- (B) do not takes
- (C) have not taken
- (D) No improvement
- We did a test when the lights **went** out.
 - (A) have been doing
 - (B) were doing
 - (C) had done
 - (D) No improvement
- James had been teaching at university since June.
 - (A) has been teaching
 - (B) have been teaching
 - (C) is teaching
 - (D) No improvement
- 6. It is high time you **started** revising your lessons.
 - (A) start (B)had started
 - (C) will start (D) No improvement

- Satish told his mother that he had been reading for six hours.
 - (A) since six hours
 - (B) from six hours
 - (C) till six hours
 - (D) No improvement
- The little boy kick the ball.
 - (A) have been kicked by the ball
 - (B) has been kicked the ball
 - (C) was kicked the bali
 - (D) kicked the ball
- 9. The bird sanctuary is about 10 kms inside from Central Delhi.
 - (A) was about 10 kms over
 - (B) is about 10 kms on top
 - (C) is about 10 kms away
 - (D) No improvement
- 10. On one occasion he persuaded me to accompany him shooting on expedition he was planning.
 - (A) has planned (B) had planned
 - (C) planned (D) No improvement
- 11. They have not and cannot be in the good books of the coach because they lack discipline.
 - (A) No improvement
 - (B) have not been and can never be
 - (C) have not and can never be
 - (D) have not and can never been
- 12. It's high time that you **go** home.
 - (A) No improvement (B) are going
 - (C) went
- (D) gone



















- 13. We **did not see** this movie yet.
 - (A) never seen
 - (B) have not seen
 - (C) never have seen
 - (D) No improvement
- 14. We kept all the old paintings in a place where they **would remain safe** from harm or danger.
 - (A) will remain safe
 - (B) are safe
 - (C) may remain safe
 - (D) No improvement
- 15. I asked the traveller where is he going.
 - (A) where he is going
 - (B) where was he going
 - (C) where he was going
 - (D) No improvement
- 16. **He work hard will** succeed.
 - (A) who will work hard
 - (B) who will be working hard
 - (C) who works hard
 - (D) No improvement
- 17. Mr. Sharma has been living in this city **since** five years.
 - (A) for
- (B) only
- (C) from
- (D) No improvement
- 18. We hurried to the door, but **nobody is** there.
 - (A) nobody was there
 - (B) nobody are there
 - (C) nobody were there
 - (D) No improvement

- 19. I have been living in Delhi from 1989.
 - (A) eversince (B) since
 - (C) in (D) No improvement
- 20. What **does it matter most** is the quality of the goods that we require.
 - (A) What it matters more
 - (B) What does it matter more
 - (C) What matters most
 - (D) No improvement
- 21. The medicine must be **take** by you.
 - (A) takes
- (B) taken
- (C) taking
- (D) No improvement
- 22. He is **wanting in** a little common sense.
 - (A) No improvement
 - (B) lacks
 - (C) is lacking in
 - (D) needs some
- 23. Transcoding has **one of the items** in the new syllabus.
 - (A) is one of the items
 - (B) has one of the item
 - (C) is one of the item
 - (D) No improvement
- 24. **Since she directing** the play for quite some time, she knows the actors really well.
 - (A) Since she has directed
 - (B) Since she has been directing
 - (C) Since she was directing
 - (D) No improvement

















- 25. Rakesh **didn't knew** my address.
 - (A) didn't known
 - (B) didn't have
 - (C) didn't know
 - (D) No improvement
- 26. What you have been doing in the workshop since last month?
 - (A) have you done
 - (B) you have done
 - (C) have you been doing
 - (D) No improvement
- 27. John had **told** me that he hasn't done it yet.
 - (A) told (B) tells
 - (C) was telling
 - (D) No improvement
- 28. The building you are talking about is not existing.
 - (A) have not been existing
 - (B) does not exist
 - (C) has not been existing
 - (D) No improvement
- 29. The light went out while I read,
 - (A) was reading
 - (B) am reading
 - (C) had read
 - (D) No improvement
- 30. "Do you remember his phone number? I don't suspect so."
 - (A) don't think
 - (B) don't thing
 - (C) may think
 - (D) No improvement

- 31. She is **willing** to help you.
 - (A) wilful
- (B)willingly
- (C) wilfully
- No improvement (D)
- 32. I **did not see you** for a long time.
 - (A) have not seen
 - (B) saw
 - (C) No improvement
 - (D) have not been seeing
- 33. Sohan is pleased the at news vesterday.
 - (A) has been pleased
 - (B) had been pleased
 - (C) was pleased
 - (D) No improvement
- 34. I must quit the job now if I prefer a better one.
 - (A) It's time I quit the job if I prefer a better one
 - (B) It's time I quit the better job if I prefer
 - (C) It's time the job quits me before I get the better job
 - (D) No improvement
- 35. The stranger asked the little girl what is her name.
 - (A) what her name is
 - (B) what her name was
 - (C) what was her name
 - (D) No improvement
- 36. How long are you working here?
 - (A) have you been working here?
 - (B) you are working here?
 - (C) were you working?
 - (D) No improvement

















- 37. He who will bid the highest will get the product.
 - (A) who bids the highest
 - (B) who the highest bids
 - (C) who would bid the highest
 - (D) No improvement
- 38. They left the hotel by car where they had been staying.
 - (A) They left the hotel where they had been staying, by car.
 - (B) They left where they were staying in a hotel by car.
 - (C) In a car they left where they were staying in a hotel
 - (D) No improvement
- 39. The teacher **told** that Monday would be a holiday
 - (A) is telling (B) has told
 - (C) said (D) might tell
- 40. Many workers being held were hostages.
 - (A) held to be hostages
 - (B) held as hostages
 - (C) held like hostages
 - (D) No improvement
- 41. She had realized that she had seen him before.
 - (A) had been realized
 - (B) realized
 - (C) has realized
 - (D) No improvement

- 42. He was a failure at art but his last piece was so beautiful that no one could believe he had painted it.
 - (A) breath taking enough to be unreal.
 - (B) indeed a masterpiece!
 - (C) very realistic and unbelievable.
 - (D) No improvement
- in Mumbai 43. The housing problem becomes more serious.
 - (A) is becoming
 - (B) has become
 - (C) become
 - (D) No improvement
- 44. Anyone who would speak with authority on the poets the Renaissance must have а broad acquaintance with the writers of classical antiquity.
 - (A) Anyone who will speak
 - (B) If one would speak
 - (C) Anyone desirous for speaking
 - (D) No improvement
- 45. He said that **he saw him** last year, to discuss the documents.
 - (A) met (B) had seen
 - (C) seen(D) No improvement
- 46. We are credibly informed that the murderer has given himself up.
 - (A) We are informed that the murderer has credibly given himself up.
 - (B) We are informed that the murderer has given credibly himself up.



















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- (C) We are informed that credibly the murderer has given up himself.
- (D) No improvement
- 47. He reached the village just when the sun was setting.
 - (A) When just the sun was setting, he reached the village.
 - (B) When the sun was setting he just reached the village.
 - (C) He just reached the village when the sun was setting.
 - (D) No improvement.
- 48. The clients are waiting outside since morning and will continue to wait until you meet them.
 - (A) have waited
 - (B) have been waiting
 - (C) were waiting
 - (D) No improvement
- 49. I am working here from 2008.
 - (A) have been working here since
 - (B) have worked here from
 - (C) have been working here from
 - (D) No improvement
- 50. Kannan asked me to go round with them, but I didn't want.
 - (A) don't want
 - (B) don't want to
 - (C) didn't want to
 - (D) No improvement
- 51. Rani **has completed** her graduation from a reputed university last year.
 - (A) completed

- (B) was completed
- (C) No improvement
- (D) had been completed
- 52. Thomas Caffall the gunman **killing** two persons near the Texas A & M University, forgiveness asked for shooting the officers.
 - (A) who killed
 - (B) who has killed
 - (C) No improvement
 - (D) who had killed
- 53. One of my friends are going to Mumbai tomorrow.
 - (A) will
 - (B) is
 - (C) has been
 - (D) No improvement
- 54. I adapted a new method to solve the problem.
 - (A) I have been adopted
 - (B) I adopted
 - (C) I was adapted
 - (D) No improvement
- 55. The carpenter **did** not keep his promise that the work will be finished before the end of the week.
 - (A) can
- (B) could
- (C) would
- (D) No improvement
- 56. He denied that he had **not forged my** signature.
 - (A) would not forge
 - (B) had forged
 - (C) did not forge
 - (D) No improvement



















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- 57. I sat down on the bench to look at the trophy I won as a prize.
 - (A) I sat down on the bench to look at the trophy I had won as a prize.
 - (B) I sat down on the bench to look at the trophy I have won as a prize.
 - (C) I sat down on the bench to look at the trophy I had to win as a prize.
 - (D) No improvement
- 58. Five years ago today, I **am sitting in** a small Japanese car, driving across Poland towards Berlin.
 - (A) was sitting
 - (B) sat
 - (C) have been sitting
 - (D) No improvement
- 59. She is loving chocolate ice cream
 - (A) has loving
 - (B) has been loved
 - (C) loves
 - (D) No improvement
- 60. **He had his breakfast,** when we visited him.
 - (A) He had taken his breakfast
 - (B) He wished to have his breakfast
 - (C) He avoided his breakfast
 - (D) No improvement
- 61. I **shall write to you when** I reach Agra.
 - (A) will write to you
 - (B) would write to you
 - (C) No improvement
 - (D) should write to you

- 62. Old habits die hardly.
 - (A) No improvement
 - (B) die much hardly
 - (C) die hard
 - (D) die too hard
- 63. When the party ended, the **band pack up** its equipment and left.
 - (A) will pack up
 - (B) will have packed up
 - (C) packed up
 - (D) No improvement
- 64. He may have grown taller **when I last** saw him.
 - (A) from when I last saw him
 - (B) since I last saw him
 - (C) before I last saw him
 - (D) No improvement
- 65. The qualities which have supported Tilak and **given** him his hard- earned success have been rare in Indian politics.
 - (A) gave (B) had given
 - (C) have given (D) No improvement
- 66. **Whenever I doubt about** the meaning of a word, I look up my dictionary.
 - (A) Whenever I have a doubt
 - (B) Whenever I aim in doubt
 - (C) The moment I doubt
 - (D) No improvement
- 67. He is so intelligent that he **could** win the quiz competition.
 - (A) will
- (B) can
- (C) should
- (D) No improvement

















- 68. His friends could not tell me why he **did not come** to college yesterday.
 - (A) why had he not come
 - (B) why did he not come
 - (C) why not had he come
 - (D) No improvement
- 69. She usually does not leave for work until she **finished** all her chores.
 - (A) finishes
 - (B) has finished
 - (C) had finished
 - (D) No improvement
- 70. The doctor reassured that the operation was a routine one.
 - (A) is reassuming
 - (B) reassured me
 - (C) was reassuming
 - (D) No improvement
- 71. I library have returned books yesterday.
 - (A) had returned
 - (B) have had returned
 - (C) returned
 - (D) No improvement
- 72. The chickens in his farm are fatted up nicely.
 - (A) are fattened (B) are fattening
 - (C) are fattying (D) No improvement
- 73. Your previous project was only failed because you did not persevere yourself in it.

- (A) failed only because you did not persevere.
- (B) failed only because you did not persevere for it.
- (C) only failed because you did not persevere.
- (D) No improvement
- 74. They could not tell me why did he not eat his lunch.
 - (A) why not had he eaten
 - (B) why he did not eat
 - (C) why had he not eaten
 - (D) No improvement
- 75. The fishermen are fishing in the sea from sunrise and will continue to do so until sunset.
 - (A) have fished
 - (B) have been fishing
 - (C) were fishing
 - (D) No improvement
- 76. I **did not saw** my cousin in Madras.
 - (A) not seen
 - (B) did not see
 - (C) did not seen
 - (D) No improvement
- 77. They have not spoken to each other **since** they quarrelled.
 - (A) for
 - (B) because
 - (C) ever since
 - (D) No improvement

















- 78. The festival **is likely to fall** in December,
 - (A) will likely to fall
 - (B) will be likely to fall
 - (C) will likely for fall
 - (D) No improvement
- 79. He may be poor now but he appears **to be rich.**
 - (A) to seem rich
 - (B) rich to be
 - (C) to have been rich
 - (D) No improvement
- 80. We used to get up early in the morning, have breakfast and then **went out to play.**
 - (A) go out to play
 - (B) gone out to play
 - (C) had gone out to play
 - (D) played
- 81. Sincere workers do not rest till **they** have reached perfection in their work.
 - (A) they had achieved
 - (B) they have achieved
 - (C) they having reached
 - (D) No improvement
- 82. I **am the** secretary of the sports club since its formation five years ago.
 - (A) was
- (B) have been
- (C) had been (D) No improvement
- 83. I **have never been** hearing from him since he left for America.
 - (A) have never heard
 - (B) have never been hearing

- (C) was never heard
- (D) No improvement
- 84. The disparity of the GDP between the rich and the poor has broadened in the last some decades.
 - (A) have widened in the last some decades
 - (B) has widened in the last few decades
 - (C) have broadened in the last few decades
 - (D) No improvement
- 85. I visited my aunt just before a week.
 - (A) a week before
 - (B) a week earlier
 - (C) a week ago
 - (D) No improvement
- 86. **I did not see him** since he wrote last.
 - (A) I could not see him
 - (B) I shall not see him
 - (C) I have not seen him
 - (D) No improvement
- 87. Since July 2008, our customers **will be able to use the** ATM network of BBY

 Bank, the bank that was acquired by

 us during that year.
 - (A) have been able to use
 - (B) were using
 - (C) will have been able to use
 - (D) No improvement
- 88. The bell was **ringing and ringing** but no one picked up the phone.
 - (A) rang and rang
 - (B) rang repeatedly
 - (C) was ringing repeatedly
 - (D) No improvement

















- 89. The **police needed him for** armed robbery.
 - (A) liked
 - (B) was after
 - (C) were looking to
 - (D) No improvement
- 90. Didn't Mr. Sharma come to the office yet?
 - (A) Hadn't Hasn't (B)
 - (C) Isn't (D) No improvement
- 91. No one cared for the boy after his father died.
 - (A) cared for the boy since his father died
 - (B) No improvement
 - (C) took the boy for care after his father's death
 - (D) took care of the boy after his father died
- 92. The blue whale was thriving in all of the world's oceans until the turn of the century, at which time they became hunted to the point extinction.
 - (A) The blue whale was thriving in all of the world's oceans up until the turn of the century
 - (B) At the turn of the century, blue whales were thriving in all of the world's oceans.
 - (C) Blue whales were thriving in all of the world's oceans until the turn of the century
 - (D) No Improvement
- 93. I don't understand why did you not call me last night.

- (A) why had you not call
- (B) why you did not call
- (C) why not did vou call
- (D) No improvement
- 94. For a week last month, the team's 20 players were stranded because the Government- issued passport is not up to international standards,
 - (A) Government-issued passports were not up to international stanaards
 - (B) Government-issued passports are not up to international standards
 - (C) the passports issued the government were not up to international standards
 - (D) No improvement
- 95. The enemy soldiers went back hastily.
 - (A) returned
 - (B) retreated
 - (C) retrenched
 - (D) No improvement
- 96. The advancements in medical science **has proved** to be a boon for all of us.
 - (A) has proven
 - (B) had proven
 - (C) have proved
 - (D) No improvement
- 97. Seeing that she is very tired, I walked out of the room and let her sleep.
 - (A) Seeing that she are very tired
 - (B) Seeing that she was very tired
 - (C) Seeing she is tired
 - (D) No improvement

















- 98. My friend went abroad last week.
 - (A) has gone (B) went to
 - (C) had gone (D) No improvement
- 99. When she regained conscious-ness she was stretched in the ditch **out**, **soaked to the skin**.
 - (A) out in the ditch stretched
 - (B) on the ditch outstretched
 - (C) outstretched in the ditch
 - (D) No improvement
- 100. **What does it matter most** is the quality of the goods that we require.
 - (A) What it matters more
 - (B) What does it matter more
 - (C) What matters most
 - (D) No improvement
- 101. How long **are you having** this flat in your possession?.
 - (a) is you having
 - (b) have you had
 - (c) has you
 - (d) No improvement
- 102.Ramesh smiled when he **was** remembering his hard early years and his long road to success.
 - (a) were remembering
 - (b) remembered
 - (c) is remembring
 - (d) No improvement
- 103.On no account shall I do this project before **I take** half of the money fixed for this project.
 - (a) I takes
- (b) I have taken

- (c) I had taken
- (d) No improvement
- 104. The work **is going on** since last January and it is expected to be finished within the next few months.
 - (a) has going on
 - (b) has been going on
 - (c) have been going on
 - (d) No improvement
- 105.We **are** in this town for the last ten years, but we never know that it was established by the English.
 - (a) has been
 - (b) had been
 - (c) have been
 - (d) No improvement
- 106. What I want to tell you is that **I think** to leave this job, get back to India and start some business there.
 - (a) I was thinking
 - (b) I am thinking
 - (c) I have think
 - (d) No improvement
- 107. There are a number of books on History, which **has focussed** on the social scourge that has been coming down for ages in India.
 - (a) have focused
 - (b) had focused
 - (c) focus
 - (d) No improvement



















- 108. Everybody is talking about the latest Vidhu movie produced by Binod Chopra, as it is **brining out** the real face of Indian politics.
 - (a) brings out
 - (b) it was bringing out
 - (c) brought
 - (d) No improvement
- 109By the time they reach the railway station the train will have left.
 - (a) would have left
 - (b) will has left
 - (c) could have left
 - (d) No improvement
- 110. She was walking for hours when she suddenly noticed that the sun had risen.
 - (a) had been walking
 - (b) has been walking
 - (c) is walking
 - (d) No improvement
- 111. The director of our company does not believe that we are working sincerely and with interest for all these years.
 - (a) is working
 - (b) have been working
 - (c) had been working
 - (d) No improvement

- 112.How learning long were you Geography?
 - (a) has you had you (b)
 - (c) had you been (d) No improvement
- 113. Nothing like this happened before.
 - (a) this had happened after
 - (b) this have happened after
 - (c) this has happened before
 - (d) No improvement
- 114. There is not any message from my teacher since she moved to London.
 - (a) has been not any message
 - (b) had not been any message
 - (c) has been any message
 - (d) will not have been any message
- 115.I have worked in this firm from 2008 to 2010.
 - (a) work
- worked (b)
- (c) was working (d) No improvement
- 116. The thief explained how he escapes from the Jail.
 - (a) did he escape (b) had escaped
 - (c) escaped
- (d) No improvement















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ANSWER KEY

1. (C)	2. (D)	3.	(A)	4.	(B)	5.	(A)	6.	(D)	7.	(D)
8. (B)	9. (C)	10.	(B)	11.	(B)	12.	(C)	13.	(B)	14.	(D)
15. (C)	16. (C)	17.	(A)	18.	(A)	19.	(B)	20.	(C)	21.	(B)
22. (B)	23. (A)	24.	(B)	25.	(C)	26.	(C)	27.	(B)	28.	(B)
29. (A)	30. (A)	31.	(D)	32.	(A)	33.	(C)	34.	(A)	35.	(C)
36. (B)	37. (A)	38.	(D)	39.	(C)	40.	(D)	41.	(B)	42.	(D)
43. (B)	44. (D)	45.	(B)	46.	(D)	47.	(D)	48.	(B)	49.	(A)
50. (C)	51. (A)	52.	(D)	53.	(B)	54.	(B)	55.	(C)	56.	(B)
57. (A)	58. (A)	59.	(C)	60.	(A)	61.	(C)	62.	(C)	63.	(C)
64. (B)	65. (A)	66.	(A)	67.	(B)	68.	(D)	69.	(A)	70.	(B)
71. (C)	72. (B)	73.	(B)	74.	(B)	75.	(B)	76.	(B)	77.	(C)
78. (D)	79. (C)	80.	(A)	81.	(B)	82.	(A)	83.	(A)	84.	(A)
85. (C)	86. (C)	87.	(A)	88.	(C)	89.	(C)	90.	(B)	91.	(D)
92. (C)	93. (B)	94.	(A)	95.	(B)	96.	(C)	97.	(D)	98.	(D)
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