

Solution and Explanation:

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Ans1. (b) The teacher told the students to read the paragraph and to explain it in simple language in their own words.

a. The teacher said to the students, "Read **this paragraph** and explain it in simple language in your own words." (Incorrect word used)

b. The teacher said to the students, "Read the paragraph and explain it in simple language in your own words." (correct)

c. The teacher **asked** the students, "Read the paragraph and explain it in simple language in your own words." (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

d. The teacher said to the students, "Read the paragraph and explain it in simple language." (incomplete sentence)

Ans2. (d) She exclaimed with sorrow that was a very miserable plight.

a. She said with sorrow, "What a pity **it is**." (Incorrect change of pronoun)

b. She said, "What a **mystery** it is." (Meaning changed)

c. She said, "What a miserable sight **it is**." (Incorrect change of pronoun)

d. She said, "What a miserable plight it is." (Correct)

Ans3. (b) The new minister said, "I think the number of immigrants right now is fine, but I don't think we need any more".

a. The new minister said that he thought the number of migrants right then was fine but he didn't think they **need** any more. (Incorrect change of tense)

b. The new minister said that he thought the number of migrants right then was fine but he

didn't think they needed any more. (correct)

- c. The new minister said that he **thinks** the number of migrants right then was fine but he didn't think they needed any more. (Incorrect change of tense)
- d. The new minister **says** that he thought the number of migrants then was fine but he didn't think they needed any more. (incorrect reporting verb)

Ans4. (c) The nurse said to the patient, "Stay in bed."

- a. The nurse **had asked** the patient to stay in bed. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- b. The patient **was asked** by the nurse to stay in bed. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- c. The nurse advised the patient to stay in bed. (Correct)
- d. The nurse told the patient **to be staying** in bed. (Incorrect words)

Ans5. (a) "Tinu, where have you been. All these days ?" asked the Principal.

a. The Principal asked Tinu when he had been all those days. (Correct)

- b. The Principal asked Tinu **where he has been** all those days. (Incorrect change of tense)
- c. The Principal asked Tinu **where had he been** all those days. (Incorrect structure)
- d. The Principal asked to Tinu where **was he** all those days. (Incorrect change of tense)

Ans6. (d) "Do you want to insure your luggage or not?" he asked

- a. He asked whether I **want** to insure my luggage or not. (Incorrect change of tense)
- b. He asked **in case** I wanted to insure my luggage. (Incorrect words)
- c. He asked if **you** wanted to insure your luggage. (Incorrect change of pronoun)
- d. He asked whether I wanted to insure my luggage or not. (Correct)

Ans7. (c) King Midas said to the stranger, "There is nothing in the world that I like better than gold."

- a. King Midas told the stranger that he liked nothing in the world **and gold**. (And better is missing)
- b. King Midas told the stranger that he liked nothing like the world **and gold**. (And better is missing)
- c. King Midas told the stranger that there was nothing in the world that he liked better than gold. (Correct)
- d. King Midas told the stranger that there was nothing in the world **better than gold**. (Meaning has changed)

Ans8. (c) "Have you completed your assignment, Minu ?" said her brother.

- a. Minu's brother asked Minu if **you** have finished your assignment. (Incorrect change of pronoun)
- b. Minu's brother **said** to Minu if she had finished her assignment. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- c. Minu's brother asked her if she had finished her assignment. (Correct)**

d. Minu's brother asked Minu if she **has finished** her assignment. (Incorrect change of tense)

Ans9. (c) My mother confessed with regret that she had squandered all her money.

a. My mother said, "How **stupid of me** that I have squandered all my money." (Incorrect words used)

b. My mother said, "I am **a fool** to squander all my money." (Incorrect words used)

c. My mother said, "Alas! I have squandered all my money." (Correct)

d. My mother said, "I have been very **foolish** to squander all my money." (Incorrect words used)

Ans10. (a) He says, "I go for a walk every morning."

a. He says that he goes for a walk every morning. (Correct)

b. He said that he **used to** go for a walk every morning. (Incorrect words)

c. He **said** that he goes for a walk every morning. (Incorrect reporting verb)

d. He says he **went** for a walk every morning. (Incorrect change of tense – Habitual action)

Ans11. (b) He demanded of me why I had insulted his brother.

a. He asked me, "Why **had you** insulted my brother?" (Tense not changed)

b. He said to me, "Why did you insult my brother?" (Correct)

c. He inquired of me, "Why **had I** insulted his brother?" (Tense not changed)

d. He said to me, "**Did you insult my brother?**" (Yes/No type interrogative)

Ans12. (b) The Principal said, "Why didn't you attend the flag hoisting ceremony, Anuj?"

a. The Principal asked Anuj **why hadn't he** attended the flag hoisting ceremony. (Incorrect structure)

b. The Principal **asked Anuj** why he hadn't attended the flag hoisting ceremony. (Correct)

c. The Principal asked Anuj why **didn't** he attend the flag hoisting ceremony. (Incorrect change of tense)

d. The Principal asked Anuj why he **didn't** attend the flag hoisting ceremony. (Incorrect change of tense)

Ans13. (a) He told me that he had never seen such a lazy boy as I was.

a. He said to me, "I have never seen such a lazy boy as you are." (Correct)

b. He said to me, "I **had** never seen such a lazy boy as you are." (Incorrect change of tense)

c. He told to me, "I have never seen such a lazy boy as **I** was." (Incorrect change of pronoun)

d. **He told**, "I have never seen such a lazy boy as you are." (Listener is missing)

Ans14. (d) "I needn't tell you how grateful I am," he said.

a. He said that **I** needn't tell you how grateful he was. (Incorrect change of pronoun)

b. He said that he need not tell me how grateful **was he** to me. (Incorrect structure)

- c. He said that he need not tell him how grateful he **is**. (**Incorrect tense**)
- d. He said that he needn't tell him how grateful he was. (Correct)

Ans15. (c) I said to him, "Where have you lost the pen I brought for you yesterday?"

- a. I asked him where he had lost the pen I had brought him **yesterday**. (**Incorrect word**)
- b. I asked him where he had lost, the pen I **have brought** for him the previous day. (Incorrect change of tense)
- c. I asked him where he had lost the pen I had brought for him the previous day. (Correct)**
- d. I asked him where had he lost the pen I had **brought him** the previous day. (preposition for is missing)

Ans16. (a) "Let's light a fire and cook our sausages," said the children.

- a. The children suggested to light a fire and cook the sausages. (Correct)
- b. The children **said** that the sausages are to be cooked on a fire. (Incorrect Reporting verb)
- c. The children **requested** to light a fire to cook our sausages. (Incorrect Reporting verb)
- d. The children **asked** to light a fire to cook the sausages. (Incorrect Reporting verb)

Ans17. (c) "Need I eat it all mummy?" said the child. "Yes dear, you must," she said.

- a. The child asked his mother if he **had** to eat it all up. The mother replied that he had to eat it all up. (Incorrect tense)
- b. The child asked his mother if he **has** to eat it all and the mother replied yes. (Incorrect tense used)
- c. The child asked his mother whether he must eat it all and the mother replied that he must. (Correct)
- d. The child asked his mother whether it **is necessary** to eat it all up. The mother said yes. (Incorrect tense used)

Ans18. (a) He said, "Garima wants to take up a job while her husband wants her to look after the family."

- a. He said that Garima wanted to take up a job while her husband wanted her to look after the family. (Correct)**
- b. He said that Garima **wants** to take up a job while her husband wanted her to look after the family. (Incorrect change of tense)
- c. He told that Garima wanted to take up a job while her husband **wants** her to look after the family. (Incorrect change of tense)
- d. He said to Garima that **though** she wanted to take up a job while her husband wanted her to look after the family. (incorrect word)

Ans19. (b) He said, "Ravi, why are you sounding so depressed today?"

- a. He asked Ravi why **did he sound** so depressed that day. (Incorrect change of tense)
- b. He asked Ravi why he was sounding so depressed that day. (correct)**
- c. He told Ravi why he **sounded** so depressed today. (Incorrect change of tense)
- d. He asked Ravi that **why was he sounding** so depressed that day. (Incorrect structure)

Ans20. (b) The peon said, "Where shall I put the bag?"

- a. The peon asked where **would** he put the bag. (Incorrect word)
- b. The peon wanted to know where he should put the bag. (Correct)
- c. The peon asked where should he put **bag**. (Incorrect word)
- d. The peon **wondered** where he would put the bag. (Incorrect Reporting verb)

Ans21. (c) "The facts, Mr. Sharma, the facts!" Mohan cut in.

- a. Mr. Sharma's speech was cut short by Mohan who **asked** him to look into the facts of the case. (Incorrect verb)
- b. Mohan bluntly **asked** Mr. Sharma not to ignore the facts of the case. (Incorrect verb)
- c. Mohan interrupted Mr. Sharma's speech and forcefully drew his attention to the facts of the matter under conversation. (Correct)
- d. Mohan **loudly snubbed** Mr. Sharma and charged him that the latter ignored the facts of the case. (Incorrect verb and words)

Ans22. (c) She said, "When I was a child, I wasn't afraid of ghosts."

- a. She said that when she was a child she **wasn't not** afraid of ghosts. (Incorrect change of tense)
- b. She said that when she was a child she **hadn't been afraid** of ghosts. (Incorrect change of tense)
- c. She said that when she was a child she wasn't afraid of ghosts. (correct)**
- d. She said that when she **had been a child** she wasn't afraid of ghosts. (Incorrect change of tense)

Ans23. (d) Mohan said, "I want to become a doctor."

- a. Mohan wished that **he should become a doctor. (Meaning has changed)**
- b. Mohan remarked that he **had wanted** to become a doctor. (Tense has changed incorrectly)
- c. Mohan told that I **want** to become a doctor. (Incorrect change of tense)
- d. Mohan said that he wanted to become a doctor. (Correct) (Replace doctors by doctor)

Ans24. (c) "Sita," said Ravi, "Is one of the best dancers we have ever seen."

- a. Ravi said that Sita **is** one of the best dancers we had ever seen. (Incorrect change of tense)
- b. Sita said that Ravi was one of the best dancers they had ever seen. (Meaning has changed)
- c. Ravi said that Sita was one of the best dancers they had ever seen. (Correct)
- d. Ravi told Sita that **she** was one of the best dancers they had ever seen. (People addressed to are different)

Ans25. (c) "Were you very busy yesterday?" he said.

- a. He asked him whether he **should** be busy the previous day. (Incorrect Word)
- b. He asked him whether he **is** very busy the previous day. (Incorrect tense)
- c. He asked him whether he had been very busy the previous day. (Correct)
- d. He asked him whether he **would** be busy the previous day. (Incorrect Word)

Ans26. (d) "Have you ever seen Tajmahal?" he said.

- a. He asked him whether he **has** ever seen Tajmahal. (Incorrect tense)
- b. He asked him whether he ever seen Tajmahal. (Helping verb is missing)
- c. He **said** that had he ever seen Tajmahal. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- d. He asked him whether he had ever seen Tajmahal. (Correct)

Ans27. (c) Sitara asked me, "Have you taken your laptop?"

- a. Sitara asked me if I had taken **the laptop. (Incorrect word/s used)**
- b. Sitara asked me if we had taken **the laptop. (Incorrect word/s used)**
- c. Sitara asked me whether I had taken my laptop. (Correct)
- d. Sitara asked me if **suppose** I have taken my laptop. (Incorrect word/s used)

Ans28. (c) He said, "Let Hari come with us, mother. I'll take care of him"

- a. He requested his mother to let Hari come with them as he **will take care** of him. (Incorrect change of tense)
- b. He **informed** his mother to let Hari come with them as he would take care of him. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- c. **He told his mother to let Hari come with them as he would take care of him. (Correct)**
- d. He told **to** his mother let Hari come with **us** as he would take care of him. (Incorrect words)

Ans29. (a) He welcomed me to his house.

- a. He said, "Welcome to my house." (Correct)
- b. He said, "Welcome **home.**" (Incorrect word/s used)
- c. He said, "**Please come in.**" (Incorrect word/s used)
- d. He said, "You are welcomed **here!**" (Incorrect word/s used)

Ans30. (c) Vinay told me that he had been writing a letter the day before.

- a. Vinay said, "I **will write** a letter tomorrow." (Incorrect tense)
- b. Vinay said, "I **will write** a letter tomorrow." (Incorrect tense)
- c. Vinay said, "I was writing a letter yesterday." (Correct)
- d. Vinay said, "I **had been writing** a letter yesterday." (Incorrect tense)

Ans31. (b) I said to her, "All your faults will be pardoned if you confess them."

- a. I told her that all her faults **will** be pardoned if you confess them. (Incorrect change of tense)
- b. **I told her that all her faults would be pardoned if she confessed them. (Correct)**

c. I told her that all her faults **will have to be pardoned** if she confessed them. (Incorrect change of tense)

d. I told her that all her faults **would have to be pardoned** if she confessed them. (incorrect change of tense)

Ans32. (d) The teacher said to the student, "Why were you absent yesterday?"

a. The teacher asked the student why **had been he** absent the previous day. (In case of assertive sentences if a questioning word/wh..... word like when/why/where etc is used in the middle of the sentence it will be followed by the subject and not helping verb)

b. The teacher asked the student **why had he been** absent the previous day. (In case of assertive sentences if a questioning word/wh..... word like when/why/where etc is used in the middle of the sentence it will be followed by the subject and not helping verb)

c. The **teacher informed** the student that why he had been absent the next day. (incorrect reporting verb)

d. The teacher asked the student why he had been absent the previous day. (Correct)

Ans33. (a) "Rain rain go away, little boy wants to play."

a. The little boy requested the rain to go away as he wanted to play. (Correct)

b. He **begged** the rain to go away as he wanted to play. (Incorrect Reporting verb)

c. He **informed** the rain to go away as he wanted to play. (Incorrect Reporting verb)

d. The little boy **wondered** the rain to go away as he wanted to play. (Incorrect Reporting verb)

Ans34. (c) "Can you lend me your pen?" she said to me.

a. She asked whether I **can** lend her my pen. (Tense not changed)

b. She asked to me if I **can** lend her my pen. (Tense not changed)

c. She asked me if I could lend her my pen. (Correct)

d. She asked whether **she** could lend me your pen. (Incorrect change of Pronoun)

Ans35. (c) Tanishq asked whether anyone had seen her pet.

a. Tanishq asked, "**Did** you **see** my pet?" (Incorrect tense/word)

b. Tanishq asked, "**Is** the pet **here**?" (Incorrect tense/word)

c. Tanishq asked, "Has anyone seen my pet?" (Correct)

d. Tanishq, "Have you **see** any pet?" (Incorrect word/s)

Ans36. (c) "I lost my pen yesterday," he said.

a. He said that he **was lost** his pen the previous day. (Incorrect change of tense)

b. He said that he **lost** his pen the previous day. (Incorrect change of tense)

- c. He said that he had lost his pen the previous day. (Correct)
 d. He said that he **loses** his pen the previous day. (Incorrect change of tense)

Ans37. (c) Ram asked me, "How much have you paid for this umbrella?"

- a. Ram asked me how much **he had paid** for that umbrella.(Incorrect structure)
 b. Ram asked me **whether** how much I had paid for that umbrella.(Incorrect connecting word)
 c. Ram asked me how much I had paid for that umbrella. (Correct)
 d. Ram asked me how much I **have paid** for that umbrella.(Incorrect tense)

Ans38. (c) "No," said the child, "I won't kneel for if I do, I shall spoil my new pair of trousers."

- a. The child said that he would not kneel for if he did so he **will spoil** his new pair of trousers. (Incorrect change of tense)
 b. The child said that he will not kneel for if **he kneels** he will spoil his new pair of trousers. (Incorrect change of tense)

c. The child said that he would not kneel for if he did so he would spoil his new pair of trousers.(Correct)

- d. The child said that **I will** not kneel for if he did kneel, he should spoil his new pair of trousers. (Incorrect change of tense and pronoun)

Ans39. (d) The chairman of the selection committee said, "We shall finalise the rest of our team after we have selected the skipper."

- a. The chairman of the selection committee told that they would finalise the rest of **our team** after **we have selected** the skipper. (Incorrect change of tense and pronoun)
 b. The chairman of the selection committee said that **we** would finalise the rest of our team after we have selected the skipper. (Incorrect change of pronoun)
 c. The chairman of the selection committee said that they would finalise the rest of their team after **they selected the skipper**. (Incorrect change of tense)
 d. The chairman of the selection committee said that they would finalise the rest of their team after they had selected the skipper. **(Correct)**

Ans40. (b) She wanted to know whether butterflies drank water.

- a. She **wanted** to know "Do butterflies drink water?" **(Incorrect reporting verb)**
 b. She asked, "Do butterflies drink water?" (Correct)
 c. She asked, "Did butterflies **drank** water?" **(Incorrect word/s used)**
 d. "Does butterflies **drinks** water?" she asked. **(Incorrect word/s used)**

Ans41. (a) He said, "Has anybody been unkind to you ?"

a. He asked me if anybody had been unkind to me. (Correct)

b. He asked **me had** anybody been unkind to me. (No connecting word)

c. He asked me if anybody had been unkind to **you**. (Incorrect word)

d. He asked me if anybody had been unkind to **him**. (Incorrect word)

Ans42. (b) "I'm tired," he says every evening.

a. Every day in the evening he **is getting** tired. (Incorrect tense)

b. Every evening he says that he is tired. (Correct)

c. He **is getting** tired every evening. (Incorrect tense)

d. Every evening he says that he **was getting** tired. (Incorrect tense)

Ans43. (d) The pilot said, "Please don't panic but tighten your seat belts.

a. The pilot **told to the passengers** that they should not panic but tighten the seatbelts. (Incorrect structure)

b. The pilot told the passengers **to not panic** but to tighten their seat belts instead. (Incorrect structure)

c. The pilot told the passengers not to panic but to **tighten your seat belts**. (Incorrect pronoun)

d. The pilot told the passenger not to panic but tighten their seat belts. (Correct)

Ans44. (a) Radha said that the manager would go to Bombay the next day.

a. Radha said, "Our manager will go to Bombay tomorrow." (Correct)

b. Radha said, "Our manager **will be going** to Bombay the next day." (Incorrect tense)

c. Radha said, "Our manager **might be going** to Bombay the next day." (Incorrect tense)

d. Radha said, "Our manager **might** go to Bombay tomorrow." (Incorrect word/s)

Ans45. (c) "When will I be able to vote?" I asked my mother.

a. I asked my mother when would he be able to vote. (Meaning has changed)

b. I **asked to my mother** when I will be able to vote. (Incorrect to)

c. I asked my mother when I would be able to vote. (Correct)

d. I asked my mother **when would I** be able to vote. (Incorrect structure)

Ans46. (b) He asked me if I had been ill.

a. He said to me, "**Are** you ill?" (Incorrect tense)

b. He said to me, "Were you ill?" (Correct)

c. He said to me, "**Had** you been ill?" (Incorrect tense)

d. He said to me, “**Have** you been ill?” (Incorrect tense)

Ans47. (d) I said, “Father, when will you buy me a motor cycle?”

a. I asked my father when **will he** buy me a motorcycle. (Incorrect tense)

b. I asked my father when he **will** buy me a motor cycle. (Incorrect tense)

c. I asked my father when **would he** buy me a motor cycle. (Incorrect structure)

d. I asked my father when he would buy me a motor cycle. (Correct)

Ans48. (a) He looked at the sky and said, “How beautifully the clouds are floating!”

a. He looked at the sky and exclaimed with joy that the clouds were floating beautifully. (Correct)

b. Looking at the sky he told that the clouds **are floating** beautifully. (Incorrect tense)

c. He looked at the sky and said that the clouds **very beautifully are floating**. (Incorrect tense)

d. He looked at the sky and said that **the floating clouds are beautiful**. (Incorrect tense and meaning has changed)

Ans49. (d) “Who's the conductor of this bus?” he said, and paused for a reply.

a. He **said** who the conductor of that bus was and paused for a reply. (Incorrect reporting verb)

b. He asked **who was the conductor of that bus** and paused for a reply. (Incorrect structure)

c. He asked **whether** who the conductor of that bus was and paused for a reply. (Incorrect connecting word)

d. He asked who the conductor of that bus was and paused for a reply. (Correct)

Ans50. (c) He said to me, “Is there any possibility of my getting promotion this year?”

a. He asked me if there was any possibility of **my getting promotion** this year. (Incorrect pronoun)

b. He asked me if there was any possibility of his getting promotion **this year**. (Incorrect word/s)

c. He asked me if there was any possibility of his getting promotion that year.” (Correct)

d. He asked me if there **is** any possibility of his getting promotion this year. (Incorrect tense)