

Solutions and Explanations:

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Ans301. (b)He said, 'You Liar! You have ruined all my efforts.'

- a. He **exclaimed him a liar in anger** and said that he had ruined all his efforts. (Incorrect sentence structure)
- b. He called him a liar and said that he had ruined all his efforts. (Correct)
- c. He **stated** that he was a liar and said that he had ruined all his efforts. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)
- d. He **cried that he was a liar** and said that he had ruined all his efforts. (Incorrect sentence structure)

Ans302. (c)"I shall unlock the secrets of the triple murder case in the press conference," the police commissioner said.

- a. The police commissioner said that he **shall** unlock the secrets of the triple murder case. (Incorrect change of tense)
- b. The police commissioner said that he **should** unlock the secrets of the triple murder case. (Incorrect word)
- c. The police commissioner said that he would unlock the secrets of the triple murder case. (correct)
- d. The police commissioner said that he **will** unlock the secrets of the triple murder case. (Incorrect change of tense)

Ans303.(d) "I wonder what he wants of us," said Ranjana.

- a. Ranjana said that **she was wondering** what he wanted of them. (Incorrect change of tense)
- b. Ranjana said that she wondered what he wanted of **us**. (Incorrect change of pronoun)
- c. Ranjana said she wondered what he **wants** of them. (Incorrect change of tense)

d. Ranjana said that she wondered what he wanted of them. (correct)

Ans304.(d) The salesman said,"Madam, we have an excellent offer in this festive season to impress you. Would you like to know about it?"She replied,"No."

a. The salesman said respectfully that he had an excellent offer in that festive season to impress her and asked if she wanted to know about it. But the lady said **no**. (No has not been changed to indirect speech)

b. The salesman said respectfully that he had an excellent offer in that festive season to impress her and **asked that** if she wanted to know about it. But the lady said declined the offer.(connecting word that is not used after asked)

c. The salesman **called her madam** that he had an excellent offer in that festive season to impress her and asked if she wanted to know about it.But the lady said no.(Called her madam is incorrect instead use addressed respectfully)

d. The salesman said respectfully that he had an excellent offer in that festive season to impress her and asked if she wanted to know about it. But the lady replied in the negative.(Correct)

Ans305. (a) Dillip said, "Fruits are good for health. I want to eat a good seasonal fruit everyday."

a. Dillip said fruits are good for health and he wants to eat a good seasonal fruit everyday. (Correct)

b. Dillip said fruits are good for health and he **wanted** to eat a good seasonal fruit everyday. (Incorrect change of tense)

c. Dillip **says** fruits are good for health and he wants to eat a good seasonal fruit everyday(Incorrect Reporting Verb)

d. Dillip said fruits are good for health and he wants to **ate** a good seasonal fruit everyday(Incorrect word used)

Ans306.(b) "What a careless mistake you have done in your english paper!" she remarked.

a. She exclaimed that **what a careless mistake** he had done in his english paper (Incorrect sentence structure)

b. She exclaimed with surprise that he had done a very careless mistake in his english paper (Correct)

c. She exclaimed in disgust **how he could** be so stupid to do a very careless mistake in his english paper. (Incorrect sentence structure)

d. She **asked** him what a careless mistake he had done in his English paper. (Incorrect reporting verb)

Ans307.(a) The bank manager said to the thief, "Keep the bag down and don't move."

a. The bank manager ordered the thief to keep the bag down and not to move. (Correct)

b. The bank manager ordered the thief **that** he should keep the bag down not move (Incorrect connecting word)

c. The bank manager told the thief **that he should** keep the bag down did not move (Incorrect connecting word)

d. The bank manager ordered **to** the thief to keep the bag down and not to move (Incorrect connecting word)

Ans308.(c) He said, "I will finish the pending work tomorrow as I am going to college now."

a. He said that he would finish the pending work the next day as he was going to college **now**. (Incorrect word)

b. He **asked** that he would finish the pending work the next day as he was going to college then (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

c. He said that he would finish the pending work the next day as he was going to college then. (Correct)

d. He **informed** that he would finish the pending work the next day as he was going to college then. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

Ans309.(a) The teacher said to the student "Can you report this irresponsible behaviour to the management ?"

a. The teacher asked the student whether he could report that irresponsible behaviour to the management. (Correct)

b. The teacher asked the student whether he **can** report that irresponsible behaviour to the management. (Incorrect word)

c. The teacher asked the student whether he could report **this** irresponsible behaviour to the management (Incorrect word)

d. The teacher asked the student whether he could report **such** irresponsible behaviour to the management. (Incorrect word)

Ans310. (d)The faithful servant of the family said. "My master is planning to expand his business in metropolitan cities."

a. The faithful servant of the family said that his master **planned** to expand his business in metropolitan cities (Incorrect change of tense)

b. The faithful servant of the family said that his master **is planning** to expand his business in metropolitan cities (Incorrect change of tense)

c. The faithful servant of the family said that his master's **plan is to expand** his business in metropolitan cities (Incorrect change of tense)

d. The faithful servant of the family said that his master was planning to expand his business in metropolitan cities. (Correct)

Ans311.(d) The little girl said to her tutor, "Can you solve this difficult question ?"

a. The little girl asked her tutor if **could he** solve this difficult question. (Incorrect sentence structure)

b. The little girl asked her tutor if **could he** solve that difficult question. (Incorrect sentence structure)

c. The little girl asked her tutor if he could solve **this difficult question.** (Incorrect word)

d. The little girl asked her tutor if he could solve that difficult question. (Correct)

Ans312. (d) He said, "How difficult the recipe is mom!"

a. He exclaimed that the recipe **is** very difficult to his mom. (Incorrect change of tense)

b. He exclaimed that **how the recipe was difficult** to his mom. (Incorrect sentence structure)

c. He exclaimed that the recipe was very difficult. (Listener is missing)

d. He exclaimed to his mom that the recipe was difficult. (Correct)

Ans313.(b) Balvinder said, 'I am here to settle this problem for you.'

a. Balvinder said that he **is here** to settle this problem for you (Incorrect change of tense/ Incorrect word)

b. Balvinder said that he was there to settle that problem for them. (Correct)

c. Balvinder said, that he was **here** to settle this problem for **us** (Incorrect word)

d. Balvinder said that he was there to settle that problem for **us** (Incorrect word)

Ans314. (a) "How clever of you to have called the police quietly when no one was watching," said the mother.

a. The mother exclaimed admiringly that it was very clever of him to have called the police quietly when no one had been watching. (Correct)

b. The mother expressed that he was so clever to have called the police quietly when no one **was watching.** (Incorrect change of tense)

c. The mother **told** that he was very clever to call the police quietly when no one was watching. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

d. The mother exclaimed with joy that **he was clever called the police** quietly when no one was watching. (Incorrect sentence structure)

Ans315. (c)"Clear your basics only then you can solve difficult questions",said the maths teacher at Pinnacle to the students.

a. The maths teacher at Pinnacle suggested to the students to clear their basics. (incomplete-only then you can solve difficult questions)

b. The maths teacher at Pinnacle suggested to the students to clear their basics only **than** they could solve difficult questions.(than is incorrect as than is used for comparisons)

c. The maths teacher at Pinnacle suggested to the students to clear their basics, only then they could solve difficult questions.(correct)

d. The maths teacher at Pinnacle **suggests** to the students to clear their basics only than they could solve difficult questions.(Suggests is incorrect as the reporting verb will be in the same tense)

Ans316. (b)"What a stupid fellow you are" she remarked.

a. She exclaimed that what a stupid fellow he was (In exclamatory sentences the sentence has to be changed to a simple sentence which is not done here)

b. She exclaimed that he was a very stupid fellow (correct)

c. She exclaimed in disgust how he could be so stupid (could is incorrect as can is given nowhere in the direct speech sentence)

d. She asked him what a stupid fellow he was (Its not an interrogative sentence so asked cant be used)

Ans317. (a)The police said to the thief, "Don't move."

a. The police ordered the thief not to move (correct)

b. The police ordered the thief that he should not move (connecting word that is incorrect as in imperative sentences to is used)

c. The police told the thief that he did not move(connecting word that is incorrect as in imperative sentences to is used)

d. The police ordered to the thief to not move (not will be used before to)

Ans318. (c)"Away!"she said to the man, "do not go near the water".

a. She asked the man to go away and **not go near** the water. (Connecting word is missing)

- b. She asked the man not to go near the water. (Incomplete information)
- c. She asked the man to go away and not to go near the water.(Correct)
- d. She asked the man to go away. (Incomplete information)

Ans319. (a)"You be happy and have a good married life,"said the old lady to the girl,"giving respect is very important in a relationship."

a. The old lady blessed the girl to have a happy and good married life and advised that giving respect was very important in a relationship. (correct)

- b. The old lady blessed the girl **having** a happy and good married life and advised that giving respect was very important in a relationship.(having cant be used)
- c. The old lady blessed the girl to have a happy and good married life and advised that giving respect was very important .(in a relationship got eliminated)
- d. The old lady blesses the girl to have a happy and good married life and advised that giving respect was very important in a relationship.(reporting verb blesses is incorrect)

Ans320. (a)"We plan to open three more centres in Haryana by the end of next year as there are too many students coming to Pinnacle every month,"said the director of Pinnacle.

a. The director of Pinnacle said that they planned to open three more centres in Haryana by the end of the following year as there were too many students coming to Pinnacle every month. (correct)

- b. The director of Pinnacle said that they planned to open three more centres in Haryana by the end of the following year as there **had been too many students coming** to Pinnacle every month. (incorrect change of tense)
- c. The director of Pinnacle said that they planned to open three more centres in Haryana by the end of the following year as there **have been too many students coming** to Pinnacle every month. (incorrect change of tense)
- d. The director of Pinnacle **said they** planned to open three more centres in Haryana by the end of the following year as there were too many students coming to Pinnacle every month.(Connect word that is missing)

Ans321.(c) She said,"Let me live here with you aunt until mother returns from Sydney."

- a. She wished that she should be allowed to stay with her aunt until her mother returns from Sydney. (incorrect connecting word that)
- b. She wished to her aunt that she should be allowed to stay there until her mother returned from Sydney.(incomplete-with you has not been changed to indirect speech)

c. She wished to her aunt that she should be allowed to stay there with her until her mother returned from Sydney.(correct)

d. She wished to her aunt that she **wanted be allowed** to stay there until her mother returned from Sydney. (incorrect sentence structure)

Ans322.(d) The teacher said to the student "Can you explain this ?"

a. The teacher asked the student whether he **can** explain **this** (can changes to could and this to that in indirect speech)

b. The teacher asked the student whether he **can** explain that (can changes to could)

c. The teacher asked the student whether he could explain **this** (this changes to that)

d. The teacher asked the student whether he could explain that (correct)

Ans323. (d) He said, "Reena, do you want to buy a House in Noida ?"

a. He **told** Reena if she wanted to buy a house in Noida. (Incorrect reporting verb)

b. He asked **that** did she want to buy a house in Noida. (Incorrect connecting word)

c. He asked Reena if she **wants** to buy a house in Noida. (Incorrect change of tense)

d. He asked Reena if she wanted to buy a house in Noida.(Correct)

Ans324.(b) "How happy we are here!" they cried.

a. They exclaimed that **how happy** they were there.(Incorrect words)

b. They exclaimed that they were very happy there. (Correct)

c. They said how happy they were. (Here is missing)

d. They said they were **how happy there**.(Incorrect structure)

Ans325. (a)I said to my friend. "Can I borrow your dictionary for one day?"

a. I asked my friend if I could borrow his dictionary for one day.(Correct)

b. I asked my friend if I could borrow **your dictionary** for one day. (Incorrect change of pronoun)

c. I asked my friend if I **can** borrow his dictionary for one day. (Incorrect change of tense)

d. I asked my friend that if I **can** borrow his dictionary for one day. (Incorrect change of tense)

Ans326.(a) The village headman said to the villagers,"Let us make a pond in the village ourselves and not wait for government's help."

a. The village headman suggested to the villagers to make a pond in the village themselves and not to wait for government's help.(correct)

b. The village headman **suggested the** villagers to make a pond in the village ourselves and not to wait for government's help. (To is missing after suggested,there is no connecting word to)

c. The village headman proposed to the villagers to construct a pond in the village themselves and **to wait for government's help**. (The meaning conveyed in the indirect speech is different from direct speech)

d. The village headman **ordered** to the villagers to make a pond in the village themselves and not to wait for government's help. (In the given sentence the tone is not of ordering)

Ans327. (d) Ramu said. "My master is planning to build a huge house in Khandala."

a. Ramu said that his master **planned** to build a huge house in Khandala (Incorrect change of tense)

b. Ramu said that his master **is planning** to build a huge house in Khandala (Tense not changed)

c. Ramu said that his **master's plan is to build** a huge house in Khandala (Incorrect change of tense)

d. Ramu said that his master was planning to build a huge house in Khandala (correct)

Ans328.(c) Rajiv said to the new employee, "You better follow all the instructions and keep your work up to the mark or else you are free to search for a new job."

a. Rajiv **instructed** the new employee that he better follow all the instructions and kept his work upto the marks or else he was free to search for a new job. (the tone is not of instructing so reporting verb instructed is incorrect)

b. Rajiv **scolded** the new employee that he better follow all the instructions and kept his work upto the marks or else he was free to search for a new job. (the tone is not of scolding so reporting verb scolded is incorrect)

c. Rajiv warned the new employee that he better follow all the instructions and kept his work upto the marks or else he was free to search for a new job. (correct-the tone is of warning)

d. Rajiv **told** the new employee that he better follow all the instructions and kept his work upto the marks or else he was free to search for a new job. (told is incorrect as the reporting verb)

Ans329.(d) Nandita said to Nitin, "Can you solve this sum?"

In option a, b and c this has not been changed correctly to that so they all get eliminated.

Ans330.(c) "The new railway line will connect the different parts of the country," said the railway minister, "and the northeastern parts will also develop at a fast pace."

a. The new railway minister said that **the railway line** would connect different parts of the country and the north eastern parts would also develop at a fast pace. (New railway line is missing)

b. The railway minister said that the **railway line** would connect different parts of the country and the north eastern parts would also develop at a fast pace. (New railway line is missing)

c. The railway minister said that the new railway line would connect different parts of the country and the north eastern parts would also develop at a fast pace.(Correct)

d. The railway minister said that the railway line would connect different parts of the country and the north eastern parts **will** also develop at a fast pace. (Will has not been changed to would)

Ans331.(a) "How beautiful the bride looks!"said the guests,"she is glowing."

a. The guests exclaimed with joy that the bride looked very beautiful and she was glowing.(correct)

b. The **guests** asked if the bride looked very beautiful and she was glowing.(Incorrect reporting verb)

c. The guests exclaimed with joy that the bride was extremely beautiful.(Incomplete)

d. The guests exclaimed that the bride looked very beautiful and she **were** glowing.(incorrect verb used)

Ans332. (c)He said, "How lovely the scene is!"

a. He exclaimed that the scene is very lovely.(No change of tense)

b. He exclaimed that how the scene was lovely (the sentence has to be changed to a simple sentence from exclamatory)

c. He exclaimed that the scene was very lovely (correct)

d. He exclaimed that the scene is indeed lovely (indeed lovely is not given in the original sentence)

Ans333.(b) Bill said, 'I am here to help you all.'

In this question here has to change to there and am to was and both these are done in option B only.

Ans334. (d)"Let us arrange a small get together for Ravi this weekend as he is retiring"said Manisha.

a. Manisha **suggested** arranging a get together for Ravi that weekend as he was retiring.(incorrect reporting verb)

b. Manisha **advised** arranging a get together for Ravi that weekend as he was retiring. (incorrect reporting verb)

c. Manisha **asked** about arranging a get together for Ravi that weekend as he was retiring.(reporting verb asked is incorrect)

d. Manisha proposed to arranging a get together for Ravi that weekend as he was retiring.(correct)

Ans335. (b)He said, "My parents are arriving tomorrow."

- a. He said that his parents **are arriving** the next day (incorrect change of tense)
- b. He said that his parents were arriving the next day (correct)**
- c. He said that his parents are arriving **tomorrow**(tomorrow changes to the next day)
- d. He said that his parents **have arrived** the next day(incorrect change of tense)

Ans336. (b)“How did it get here?” She wanted to know.

- a. She wanted to know **how did it** get here (how should be followed by noun or pronoun and not helping verb)

b. She wanted to know how it had got there (correct)

- c. She wanted to know how **did it** got there (how should be followed by noun or pronoun and not helping verb)
- d. She wanted to know how it **get** there (incorrect change of tense)

Ans337. (b)“You are one of his men, I presume,” he said.

- a. He said that he presumed me one of His men.(Connecting word that is missing)

b. He said that he presumed that I was one of His men (correct)

- c. He said that **had presumed** me as one of His men.(incorrect change of tense)
- d. He said that he **presumes** that I am one of His men.(incorrect change of tense)

Ans338.(d) "Away!" she said to the man, "do not trouble your family anymore".

- a. She asked the man to go away and not trouble **the family** any more.(It had to be changed to his family)
- b. She asked the man not to trouble the family that was away, any more.(meaning completely changed)
- c. She asked the man not to trouble **your family** any more and go away(incorrect change of pronoun)
- d. She asked the man to go away and not trouble his family any more (correct)**

Ans339.(a) He asked me, "Have you finished reading the magazine ?"

a. He asked me whether I had finished reading the magazine (correct)

- b. He asked me if **had I** finished reading the magazine (Incorrect use of had before I)
- c. He asked me if **I have** finished reading the magazine (tense has not been changed)

d. He asked me whether I finished reading the magazine.(have has to change to had which is missing)

Ans340. (c)He said, "We have done our work."

a. He said that he had done his work. (incorrect pronoun He)

b. He said that they **have** done their work. (have changes to had)

c. He said that they had done their work (Correct)

d. He said that they should do their work (no need of should)

Ans341.(b) He said that he had been waiting there for a long time.

a. He said; "I have been waiting **there** for a long time," (Eliminated as here changes to there so direct speech should have here)

b. He said, "He has been waiting here for a long time." (correct)

c. He said, "He has been waiting **there** for a long time." (Eliminated as here changes to there so direct speech should have here)

d. He said, "I **am waiting** here for a long time."

Ans342.(d) "**Fie!** a soldier and afraid of fighting!" said Babar.(Fie is used for –Shame)

a. Babar **exclaimed with surprise** that a soldier should be afraid of fighting. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

b. Addressing a soldier, Babar cursed him that he should be afraid of fighting. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

c. Babar cursed the soldier **who** was afraid of fighting. (Incorrect connecting word)

d. Babar cursed and exclaimed that a soldier should not be afraid of fighting. (Correct)

Ans343. (d)"So help me Heaven! he cried, "I never steal again".

a. He **wanted** Heaven to help him so that he would never steal again. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

b. He **exclaimed** to Heaven that he would never steal again. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

c. He **exclaimed** Heaven to help him that he would never steal again. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

d. He called upon Heaven to witness his resolve never to steal again. (Correct)

Ans344. (d)She said, 'I will give you Rs. 100 to keep your mouth shut."

a. She **said** that she would give him Rs. 100 to keep his mouth shut. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

b. She **offered** him Rs. 100 to keep his mouth shut. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

c. She suggested to him she would give him Rs.100 to keep his mouth shut. (Incorrect Reporting Verb and connecting word that is missing)

d. She proposed that she would give him Rs.100 to keep his mouth shut. (Correct)

Ans345.(b) "Doctor", the patient cried, please tell me how much time I have."

a. The patient the doctor how much time she will have. (No reporting verb)

b. The patient exclaimed to the doctor that how much time she had. (Correct)

c. The patient **pleaded** with the doctor to tell her how much time she had. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

d. The patient **cried** to the doctor that how much time had she. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

Ans346. (a)"Let's give a party", said Jaya, "Let's not," said her husband.

a. Jaya suggested giving a party but her husband answered in the negative.(Correct)

b. Jaya suggested giving a party but her husband **opposed the idea**. (Incorrect words used – When the answer is simply No when changing to indirect speech it becomes "replied in the negative.")

c. Jaya suggested giving a party but her husband **contradicted her**. (Incorrect words used – When the answer is simply No when changing to indirect speech it becomes "replied in the negative.")

d. Jaya suggested giving a party but her husband **refused**. (Incorrect words used – When the answer is simply No when changing to indirect speech it becomes "replied in the negative.")

Ans347.(d) He said to her, "Did it shake you up as much as it shook me?"

a. He asked her if it had shaken her up as much as it **shook** him. (Incorrect change of tense)

b. He enquired of her if it shook her up as it **shook** him. (Incorrect change of tense)

c. He enquired of her if it **shook** her up as much as it had shaken him. (Incorrect change of tense)

d. He asked her if it had shaken her up as it had shaken him. (Correct)

Ans348. (a)"Please don't take her away, she will not repeat this mistake again,"said the old lady.

a. The old lady pleaded the officer not to take her away and said that she would not repeat that mistake again. (correct)

b. The old lady pleaded the officer **to not take** her away and said that she would not repeat that mistake again. (Incorrect structure)

- c. The old lady **requested** the officer to not take her away and said that she would not repeat that mistake again. (incorrect reporting verb)
- d. The old lady pleaded the officer not to take her away and **promise** that she would not repeat that mistake again. (Incorrect tense)

Ans349. (b)The child said, "Mom can you please help me finish my homework."

- a. The child **requested** his mom **to** help him finish his homework. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)
- b. The child asked his mom politely if she could help him finish his homework. (Correct)
- c. The child **told** his mom **to** help him finish his homework. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)
- d. The child asked his mom politely if she **can** help him finish his homework. (Incorrect change of tense)

Ans350. (a)The teacher said to me, "Nonsense."

- a. The teacher said to me that it was nonsense. (correct)
- b. The teacher said to me that it **is** nonsense. (Incorrect change of tense)
- c. The teacher said to **me nonsense**. (Connecting word is incorrect)
- d. The teacher said to me **that nonsense**. (Incorrect sentence structure)