

Solution and Explanation:

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1	c	11	d	21	d	31	c	41	a
2	d	12	a	22	d	32	b	42	c
3	c	13	a	23	c	33	b	43	c
4	b	14	d	24	a	34	a	44	a
5	c	15	a	25	a	35	a	45	b
6	c	16	a	26	b	36	d	46	a
7	b	17	a	27	d	37	a	47	a
8	c	18	d	28	a	38	b	48	a
9	d	19	d	29	a	39	c	49	a
10	c	20	b	30	c	40	b	50	b

Ans51. (c) The dealer said, "Either make your purchases or walk out of my shop."

a. The dealer told the customer that he **would** either make his purchases or walk out of his shop. (Incorrect word)

b. The dealer **ordered** the customer to make his purchases and walk out of his shop. (Incorrect tense)

c. The dealer told the customer that he should either make his purchases, or walk out of his shop. (correct)

d. The dealer **requested** the customer to make his purchases or walk' out of his shop. (Incorrect tense)

Ans52. (d) I said to her, "Do you know how to dance?"

a. I asked her **if she does know dancing**. (Incorrect tense)

b. I asked her if **she had known how to dance**. (Incorrect tense)

c. I asked her if **she was known how to dance**. (Incorrect tense)

d. I asked her if she knew how to dance. (Correct)

Ans53. (c) Baruch said, "I might leach English Literature next semester."

a. Baruch said that he **is going to teach** English Literature next semester. (Incorrect tense)

b. Baruch said that he **will teach English** Literature next semester. (Incorrect tense)

c. Baruch said that he might teach English Literature next semester. (Correct)

d. Baruch said that he **might be teaching** English Literature next semester. (Incorrect tense)

Ans54.(b) The cow begged in front of the lion, "Let me go home. It's late, my calf must be waiting for me as it is dark now."

a. The cow begged in front of the lion to allow it to go home. It was late and its calf **must be waiting** for it as it was dark then. (Present continuous tense has to be changed to present perfect continuous which is not done here)

b. The cow begged in front of the lion to allow it to go home .It was late and its calf must have been waiting for it as it was dark then.(correct)

c. The cow begged in front of the lion to allow it to go home. It was late and its calf must be waiting for it as it is dark **then. (then has to change to now also the same error as in option 1)**

d. The cow begs in front of the lion to allow it to go home.It was late and its calf must be waiting for it as it was dark then.

Ans55. (c) He said, "I am going to college just now."

a. He said that he was going to college just **now** (now changes to then)

b. He **asked** that he was going to college just then (incorrect -its not interrogative)

c. He said that he was going to college just then (correct)

d. He **asked** that he was going to college just **now (asked and now cant be used.)**

Ans56. (c) He said to us, "Why are you all sitting about there doing nothing?"

a. He asked us **why are we** all sitting about there doing nothing(Incorrect tense)

b. He asked us **why we are** all sitting about there doing nothing. (Incorrect tense)

c. He asked us why we were all sitting about there doing nothing. (correct)

d. He asked us **why were we** all sitting about there doing nothing. (Incorrect structure)

Ans57. (b) The teacher said to me, "What is your name?"

a. The teacher **told** me what my name was. (Incorrect reporting verb)

b. The teacher asked me what my name was. (Correct)

c. The teacher asked me what my name **is**. (Incorrect tense)

d. The teacher asked me **what was my name**. (Incorrect structure)

Ans58. (c) "May you live long and prosper", said the old lady to her son.

a. The old lady **congratulated** her son with long life and wished him prosperity. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

b. The old lady **prayed** for her son's long life and prosperity. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

c. The old lady prayed for her son and said that he might live long and prosper. (Correct)

d. The old lady blessed her son and prayed for his long life and prosperity. (May changes to might which is missing here)

Ans59. (d) John said to me. "Do you play cricket?"

a. John **told** me whether he played cricket. (Incorrect reporting verb)

b. John asked me whether **he** played cricket. (Incorrect Pronoun)

c. John asked me whether **he** played cricket. (Incorrect Pronoun)

d. John asked me whether I played cricket. (Correct)

Ans60. (c) "Many happy returns of your birthday", we said.

a. We **greeted** him on his birthday. (Incorrect Reporting Verb. Greeted is used for hello.)

b. We **said** that many happy returns of your birthday. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

c. We wished him many happy returns of his birthday. (Correct)

d. We **prayed** for many happy returns of his birthday. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

Ans61. (d) He asked me why I did not come on time the previous day.

a. He said to me. "Why didn't **I** come on time yesterday?" (Incorrect Pronoun)

b. He asked me, "Why didn't you come on time the **previous day**?" (Incorrect word/s)

c. He asked me, "Why **you didn't** come on time yesterday?" (Incorrect structure)

d. He asked me, "Why didn't you come on time yesterday?" (Correct)

Ans62. (a) I said to the boy, "Will you step with me into the garden?"

a. I asked the boy if he would step with me into the garden. (Correct)

b. I **said** to the boy if he would step with me in the garden. (Incorrect reporting verb)

c. I **said** to the boy if he would like to step with me in the garden. (Incorrect reporting verb)

d. I **requested** the boy to step with me in the garden. (Incorrect reporting verb)

Ans63. a. "We'll go for an outing tomorrow," said Laila's father, "So you had better complete your homework this evening."

- a. Laila's father told her to complete her homework that evening as they would be going for an outing the next day. (Correct)
- b. Laila's father told her to complete her homework **this evening** as they would be going for an outing the next day. (Incorrect word/s)
- c. Laila's father **tells** her to complete her homework this evening as they would be going for an outing the next day. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- d. Laila's father **had told** her to complete her homework that evening as they would be going for an outing the next day. (Incorrect reporting verb)

Ans64. (d) My brother said that honesty is the best policy.

- a. My brother said **that**, "Honesty is the best policy." (Incorrect word/s)
- b. My brother **told** me, "Honesty is the best policy." (Incorrect reporting verb)
- c. My brother said, "Honesty **was** the best policy." (Incorrect tense)
- d. My brother said, "Honesty is the best policy." (Correct)

Ans65. (a) "Give yourself fifteen minutes and walk gently," Uncle Podger always said.

- a. Uncle Podger always advised me to give myself fifteen minutes and walk gently. (Correct)
- b. Uncle Podger always **ordered** me to take fifteen minutes and walk gently. (Incorrect tense)
- c. Uncle Podger always **requested** me to take fifteen minutes and walk gently. (Incorrect tense)
- d. Uncle Podger always **asked** me to take fifteen minutes and walk gently. (Incorrect tense)

Ans66. (a) She said, "My brother is expected to be back today."

- a. She said that her brother was expected to be back that day. (Correct)
- b. She said her brother was expected to be back **today**. (Incorrect word/s)
- c. She said that her brother was expected to be back **today**. (Incorrect word/s)
- d. She said that her brother was expected to be back **this day**. (Incorrect word/s)

Ans67. (a) He said, "I shall go as soon as it is possible."

- a. He said that he would go as soon as it was possible. (Correct)
- b. He **told he** will go as soon as possible. (Incorrect Pronoun)

- c. He **asked** whether to go as soon as it was possible. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- d. He suggested that he **will** go as soon as it was possible. (Incorrect tense)

Ans68.(d) He said, "Ravi why are you sounding so dejected today?"

- a. He asked Ravi why he **sounded** so dejected that day? (Incorrect change of tense)
- b. He asked **to** Ravi why he was sounding so dejected that day. (Incorrect word)
- c. He asked Ravi why he was sounding so dejected **today** (Incorrect word)
- d. He asked Ravi why he was sounding so dejected that day. (correct)**

Ans69. (d) He said, "Bravo! You have done well."

- a. He applauded him **to say** that he had done well. (Incorrect word/s)
- b. He applauded him and said that you **have done well**. (Incorrect words)
- c. He applauded him saying that **he has done well**. (Incorrect tense)
- d. He applauded him, saying that he had done well. (Correct)**

Ans70. (b) He said to us, "What did he have last night?"

- a. He inquired of us what **had he have** last night. (Incorrect tense)
- b. He asked us what he had the previous night. (Correct)
- c. He asked us that what **did he have** the previous night. (Incorrect tense)
- d. He asked us **what had he had the last night**. (Incorrect structure)

Ans71. (d) The man said, "What I give today I trust that tomorrow I shall be able to earn back".

- a. The man said that what he gave that day he trusted he would be able to **return** the next day. (Not interrogative/Incorrect word/s)
- b. The man said **to give him his trust** so that he would be able to earn back the next day. (Meaning has changed)
- c. The man asked **what to give that day** as he trusted that the next day he would earn back. (Meaning has changed)
- d. The man said that he trusted he would be able to earn back the next day what he gave that day. (Correct)

Ans72. (d) "Forget your differences," said the judge.

- a. The judge ordered **that** forget **your** differences. (Incorrect connecting word)
- b. The judge **asked** them to forget their differences. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- c. The judge **requested** them to forget their differences. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- d. The judge ordered them to forget their differences. (Correct)

Ans73. (c) "I shall remain here and the tailor won't be able to find me," said she.

- a. She said that she should remain there and the tailor won't be able to find **me**. (Incorrect pronoun)
- b. She said that she **should** remain there and the tailor would not be able to find her. (meaning has changed)
- c. **She said that she would remain there and the tailor would not be able to find her. (Correct)**
- d. She said that, she **could remain** here and the tailor would not find her. (Incorrect word)

Ans74. (a) Mother said, "Gaurav, you will be eligible for voting when you are 18."

- a. **Mother told Gaurav he would be eligible for voting when he was 18. (Correct)**
- b. Mother told Gaurav that he **could vote** only after 18. (Incorrect word)
- c. Mother told Gaurav you **will be eligible** for voting when you are 18. (Incorrect word)
- d. Mother told Gaurav that he would be eligible for voting when he **would** be 18. (Incorrect word)

Ans75. (a) He says, "I am going to the disco now."

- a. He says that he is going to the disco now. (Correct)
- b. He said that he **was going** to the disco then. (Incorrect tense)
- c. He says that he **was going** to the disco then. (Incorrect tense)
- d. He said that he **was going** to the disco now. (Incorrect tense)

Ans76. (b) Tom said that he had had a strange experience the day before.

- a. Torn said, 'I **have a strange** experience yesterday'. (Incorrect tense)
- b. Tom said, "I have had a strange experience yesterday". (Correct)
- c. Tom said, "I **experienced** a strange experience yesterday". (Incorrect word)
- d. Tom said, "I **had had** a strange experience yesterday". (Incorrect tense)

Ans77. (d) The actress said, "It took me three years to reduce the excess weight."

- a. The actress said that it **took** her three years to reduce the excess weight. (Incorrect tense)
- b. The actress said that it had taken **me** three years to reduce the excess weight. (Incorrect Pronoun)
- c. The actress said that it **would take** her three years to reduce the excess weight. (Incorrect tense)
- d. The actress said that it had taken her three years to reduce the excess weight. (Correct)

Ans78. (a) 'From one of the windows of my flat I can see the Qutub Minar, I said to my friend.

a. My friend told that from one of the windows of his flat he could see the Qutub Minar.(Correct)

- b. My friend said that from one of the windows of his flat he **can** see the Qutub Minar.(Incorrect change of tense)
- c. My friend said that from one of the windows of his flat could he see the Qutub Minar. (he should be used before could)
- d. My friend told that from one of the windows of his flat he **can** see the Qutub Minar. (Incorrect change of tense)

Ans79. (a) Shanker said to his friend, "Lookout! there is a snake behind you."

a. Shanker told his friend to look out as there was a snake behind him.(correct)

- b. Shanker **exclaimed to his friend** with surprise that there was a snake behind him. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)
- c. Seeing a snake behind him, Shanker asked his friend to look out. (Incomplete sentence- "there is a snake behind you "is missing)
- d. Shanker warned that there was a snake behind him.(Incomplete sentence- "the listener is missing "is missing)

Ans80. (c) "I'm sorry I'm unable to repay the loan in time," said the customer.

- a. The customer **regrets** that he was unable to repay the loan in time. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- b. The customer regretted that he **is** unable to repay the loan in time. (Incorrect tense)
- c. The customer regretted that he was unable to repay the loan in time. (Correct)
- d. The customer **said** that he could be unable to repay the loan in time. (Incorrect reporting verb)

Ans81. (c) "You'd better leave this work alone," the man said.

- a. The man **said** to me to leave **this work** alone. (Incorrect word/s)
- b. The man **told** me to better leave **this work** alone. (Incorrect word/s)
- c. The man warned me to leave that work alone. (Correct)
- d. The man said I should leave **this work** alone. (Incorrect word/s)

Ans82. (b) Pooja said, "Ridhi, do you want another cake?"

- a. Pooja asked **Ridhi do** you want another cake. (Connecting word is missing)
- b. Pooja asked Ridhi if she wanted another cake. (Correct)
- c. Pooja said to Ridhi **you wanted another cake**. (No interrogative pattern)
- d. Pooja said if you wanted another cake. (Listener is missing)

Ans83. (b) They said, "The boy will soon be found and we will bring him."

- a. They said that boy would be found and brought. (Incomplete- will bring him is missing)
- b. They said that the boy would soon be found, and that they would bring him. (Correct)
- c. They informed **him** that the boy would soon be found, and they **ought to** bring him. (Incorrect word/s)
- d. They told that the boy **will be found soon** and they will bring him. (Incorrect tense)

Ans84. (a) "Stop talking children," said the teacher.

- a. The teacher ordered the children to stop talking. (Correct)
- b. The teacher **asks** the children to stop talking. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- c. The teacher **told** to the children to stop talking. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- d. The teacher **said** the children to stop talking. (Said should be followed by to)

Ans85.(a) The lady said that they had been witnessing the programme.

- a. The lady said, "We were witnessing the programme." (Correct)
- b. The lady says, "We **are witnessing** the programme." (Incorrect tense)
- c. The lady said, "We **witnessed** the programme." (Incorrect tense)
- d. The lady says, "We **had witnessed** the programme." (Incorrect tense)

Ans86. (d) The teacher said to Ram; "Would you like to go on a trip to Kashmir?" Ram said, "Yes"

- a. The teacher asked if Ram would like to go on a trip to Kashmir and **Ram replied yes.** (Incorrect words used – When the answer is simply “Yes” when changing to indirect speech it becomes “replied in the positive.”)
- b. The teacher asked Ram if he would like to go on a trip to Kashmir and **Ram replied yes.** (Incorrect words used – When the answer is simply “Yes” when changing to indirect speech it becomes “replied in the positive.”)
- c. The teacher asked Ram if he would **have liked** to go on a trip to Kashmir and Ram replied in the affirmative. (Incorrect change of tense)
- d. The teacher asked Ram if he would like to go on a trip to Kashmir and Ram replied in the affirmative. (Correct)**

Ans87. (a) “Suppose you children go out for a nice long walk”, she said.

- a. She proposed that the children went out for a nice long walk. (Correct)**
- b. She advised that the children **go out** for a nice long walk. (Incorrect change of tense)
- c. She suggested that the children **go out** for a nice long walk. (Incorrect change of tense)
- d. She suggested that the children **should** go out for a nice long walk. (Incorrect word used-Should)

Ans88.(b) Everybody said, “How well she has sung!”

- a. Everybody told us that she **sings** very well. (Incorrect change of tense)
- b. Everybody exclaimed that she had sung very well. (Correct)**
- c. Everybody exclaimed that she **sang** very well. (Incorrect change of tense)
- d. Everybody told us that how she **sang** very well. (Incorrect change of tense)

Ans89. (c) The tired salesman said to them, “Please give me a glass of water.”

- a. The tired salesman **said** to them to give him a glass of water. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- b. The tired salesman **ordered** them to give a glass of water. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- c. The tired salesman requested them to give him a glass of water. (Correct)
- d. The tired salesman said **please** give him a glass of water. (Incorrect word/s)

Ans90. (b) The policeman told the students, “Do not throw garbage here.”

- a. The policeman asked them not to throw garbage **here.** (Incorrect word/s)

- b. The policeman asked them not to throw garbage there. (Correct)
- c. The policeman asked them not to throw garbage. (Here part is missing)
- d. The policeman asked not throw garbage here. (Listener is missing)

Ans91. (a) The man said, "All the boys are playing in the street."

- a. The man told us that all the boys were playing in the street. (Correct)
- b. The man told us that all the **boys play** in the street. (Incorrect tense)
- c. The man told us that all the boys in the street **are playing**. (Incorrect tense)
- d. The man told us that all the boys **had been playing** in the street. (Incorrect tense)

Ans92. (c) She said, "I am sorry I did not write."

- a. She apologized she **is sorry**, she did not write. (Incorrect tense)
- b. She apologized she **is sorry**, she has not written. (Incorrect tense)
- c. She apologized and added that she was sorry, she had not written. (Correct)
- d. She apologized for **I** did not write. (Incorrect Pronoun)

Ans93. (c) "Alright, yes, I was wrong and you were right," he said.

- a. He admitted that **I** was wrong and you were right. (Incorrect Pronoun)
- b. He admitted that **I** was wrong and he was right. (Incorrect Pronoun)
- c. He admitted that he had been wrong and I had been right. (Correct)
- d. He admitted that he **has been** wrong and I have been right. (Incorrect tense)

Ans94. (a) Nirmal said to us. "My father gave me a purse yesterday."

- a. Nirmal told us that his father had given him a purse the previous day. (Correct)
- b. Nirmal told us that his father has given him a purse **yesterday**. (Incorrect word/s)
- c. Nirmal told us that his father had given him a purse **yesterday**. (Incorrect word/s)
- d. Nirmal told us that **my** father given me a purse the previous day. (Incorrect Pronoun)

Ans95. (b) I asked my brother if he had returned the money to his friend.

I said to my brother ,

- a. "Have you **return** the money to his friend?" (Incorrect word/s)

- b. "Have you returned the money to your friend?" (Correct)
- c. "**Do you return** the money to his friend." (Incorrect tense)
- d. "**Had** you returned the money to my friend." (Incorrect tense)

Ans96. (a) Bindu's mother: "Will you lock the cupboard Bindu?"

- a. Bindu's mother asked Bindu if he would lock the cupboard. (Correct)
- b. Bindu's mother asked Bindu if **he had locked** the cupboard. (Incorrect tense)
- c. Bindu's mother **said** lock the cupboard. (Incorrect reporting verb)
- d. Bindu's mother **told** Bindu that he need not lock the cupboard. (Incorrect reporting verb)

Ans97. (a) The old man of Latur said, "Alas, my only son is dead!"

- a. The old man of Latur exclaimed with sorrow that his only son was dead. (Correct)**
- b. The old man of Latur **told** with pain that his only son was dead. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)
- c. The old man of Latur **expressed** with anguish that his only son was dead. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)
- d. The old man of Latur **sorrowfully narrated** that his only son was dead. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

Ans98. (a) I said, "Let Mohan do his worst, he cannot harm me."

- a. I suggested to Mohan to do his worst, he could not harm me. (Correct)**
- b. I **told** that if Mohan did his worst, he could not harm me. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)
- c. I **declared** that Mohan might do his worst, he could not harm me. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)
- d. I **declared** that though Mohan might do his worst, he could not harm me. (Incorrect Reporting Verb)

Ans99. (a) "Call the first witness", said the Judge.

- a. The judge commanded to call the first witness. (Correct)**
- b. The judge commanded **them** to call the first witness. (Extra words inserted not mentioned in the given sentence)
- c. The judge commanded **that** the first witness be called. (Incorrect connecting word)

d. The judge commanded the first witness **to called**. (After to first form of the verb is used)

Ans100. (b) The queen said to her son, "You must go to the forest and remain there till your father calls you back."

a. The queen ordered her son to go to the forest and remain there till his father **calls** him back.(Incorrect change of tense)

b. The queen told her son that he must go to the forest and remain there till his father called him back.(Correct)

c. The queen told **his** son that **you** must go to the forest and, remain there till **your father** called you back. (Incorrect pronouns)

d. The queen told her son **to** go to the forest and remained there till his father called him back.(Incorrect connecting word)