

QUESTION TYPES:

- I. SPOTTING ERRORS
- II. SENTENCE CORRECTION
- III. IDENTIFYING CORRECT AND INCORRECT USAGE

Directions for Q1 to Q5: In each sentence, certain words or phrases have been underlined and labelled (a), (b), (c) or (d). Choose the underlined word or phrase that is incorrect in each sentence. Choose option (e) if there is no correction.

1. The (a) Washington Monument is the (b) tribute to the first and perhaps the greatest (c) president of the (d) United States. (e) No error
2. Muslims abstain from (a) food and drink during (b) Ramadan, the (c) ninth month of its (d) calendar. (e) No error
3. The tomato is (a) an integral part of many (b) regional cuisines, and it was (c) popular since (d) the 1600's. (e) No error
4. The drainage (a) of swamps and other breeding (b) places of (c) mosquitoes have (d) greatly diminished the incidence of malaria. (e) No error
5. The shoulder (a) height of the Siberian mammoth, which (b) roamed throughout (c) the Northern Hemisphere, was about nine foot (d). (e) No error

Directions for Q6 to Q10: Each sentence has been divided into four parts – (a), (b), (c) and (d). Identify which part has an error. Choose option (e) if there is no correction.

6. After an outbreak of the so-called Mad Cow's disease, (a)/the United Kingdom was forced (b)/to quarantine its beef exports (c)/and killing thousands of cows (d). (e) No error
7. Police departments all over the world (a)/employs computers and other electronic equipment (b)/to capture the criminals (c)/they pursue (d). (e) No error
8. The novels of John Irving (a)/depict common everyday life (b)/in New Hampshire (c)/where he grown up (d). (e) No error
9. The Chinese, (a)/who are credited with (b)/the inventing of gunpowder, (c)/also created the kite and the printing press (d). (e) No error
10. In 1978, the atoll Eniwetok was declared uninhabitable (a)/for at least 350 years (b)/because of the high levels of radiation (c)/resulting U.S. nuclear testing (d). (e) No error

Directions for Q11 to Q20: In each sentence below, a part has been given in bold. Choose the best answer option to replace the underlined part. If no correction or replacement is necessary, choose option (e).

11. The performance of our players was rather **worst than I had expected**.
 (a) bad as I had expected
 (b) worse than I had expected
 (c) worse than expectation
 (d) worst than was expected
 (e) No correction required
12. Why **should the candidates be** afraid of English Language is not clear.
 (a) the candidates should be
 (b) do the candidates be
 (c) should be the candidates
 (d) are the candidates
 (e) No correction required
13. Anyone interested in the use of computers can learn much if **you have access** to a personal computer.
 (a) they have access
 (b) access can be available
 (c) he or she has access
 (d) one of them have access
 (e) No correction required
14. The train will leave at 8.30 p.m. We **have been** ready by 7.30 p.m. so that we can reach the station in time.
 (a) were (b) must be
 (c) are (d) should have
 (e) No correction required
15. They examined both the samples very carefully but failed to detect **any difference in them**.
 (a) some difference in
 (b) some difference between
 (c) any difference between
 (d) any difference among
 (e) No correction required
16. Making friends is more rewarding than **to make enemies**.
 (a) to have enemies (b) enmity
 (c) get enemies (d) making enemies
 (e) No correction required
17. There's **not so much** work to do this week.
 (a) many (b) plenty
 (c) less (d) any
 (e) No correction required

18. **Had I realised** how close I was to the edge of the road, I would not have raised the speed of the car.
 (a) Had I been realised
 (b) If I would have realised
 (c) When I realised
 (d) Had I had realised
 (e) No correction required

19. They continued to work in the field **despite of the heavy rains**.
 (a) even though there is heavy rain
 (b) although heavily rains
 (c) in spite the heavy rains
 (d) even though it rained heavily
 (e) No correction required

20. Their earnings are such that they find it difficult **to make both ends to meet**.
 (a) to makings both ends meet
 (b) to make both ends for meeting
 (c) to make both ends meet
 (d) for making both ends to meet
 (e) No correction required

Directions for Q21 to Q30: In each sentence below, a part has been underlined. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. The first of these repeats the original; the other four are different. If you think the original is best, choose the first answer; otherwise choose one of the others.

21. George's personal diary and album formed the basis for his book about the places he had visited.
 (a) the basis for his book about the places he had visited
 (b) the basis for his book regarding the places he had visited
 (c) the basis of his book about the places he visited
 (d) the basis of his book about the places which he had visited
 (e) the basis of his book about the places he had visited
22. By next month Ms. Jones will be Mayor of Tallahassee for two years.
 (a) will be Mayor of Tallahassee
 (b) will have been Mayor of Tallahassee
 (c) will be mayor of Tallahassee
 (d) will have been mayor of Tallahassee
 (e) could have been mayor of Tallahassee
23. If he would have revised his first draft, he would have received a better grade.

- (a) would have revised (b) had revised
 (c) could of revised (d) had of revised
 (e) would revise

24. Anu claims that cats made the best pets.
 (a) made the best pets (b) could be the best pets
 (c) are the best pets (d) make of the best pets
 (e) make the best pets
25. The government requires that these forms should be submitted before the end of the financial year.
 (a) that these forms should be submitted
 (b) that these forms be submitted
 (c) for these forms to be submitted
 (d) these forms submission
 (e) these forms should be submitted
26. A conjunction is used to connect words and sentences together.
 (a) words and sentences together
 (b) words or sentences together
 (c) words and sentences
 (d) words or sentences
 (e) words to sentences
27. Citing the recent rise in violence against foreigners, the Embassy urged expats to remain vigilant, avoid the Blackburn district, and refraining from travelling late at night.
 (a) refraining from travelling late at night
 (b) travelling during the day instead of the night
 (c) as an imperative, refrain from travel at night
 (d) as an imperative, refrain from travelling at night
 (e) refrain from travelling at night
28. The protestors campaigned against whale hunting, didn't they?
 (a) didn't they (b) weren't they
 (c) were they (d) isn't it
 (e) wasn't it
29. The sports writer questioned the skill of basketball players compared to tennis players.
 (a) skill of basketball players compared to tennis players
 (b) skills of basketball players compared to tennis players
 (c) skill of basketball players to tennis players
 (d) skill of basketball players compared to that of tennis players
 (e) skill of basketball players compared to those of tennis players

30. It is a special feature of cell aggregation in the developing nervous system that in most regions of the brain the cells not only adhere to one another and also adopt some preferential orientation.
- (a) to one another and also adopt
 - (b) one to the other, and also they adopt
 - (c) one to the other, but also adopting
 - (d) to one another but also adopt
 - (e) to each other, also adopting

Directions for Q31 to Q35: Choose the CORRECT sentence from the four options given.

31. (a) India is a country with at least fifty major regional languages, of whom fourteen have official recognition.
(b) India is a country with at least fifty major regional languages, fourteen that have official recognition.
(c) India is a country with at least fifty major regional languages, fourteen of which are officially recognised.
(d) India is a country with at least fifty major regional languages, among whom fourteen have official recognition.
32. (a) Each of us was scheduled to take the test.
(b) Each of us were scheduled to take the test.
(c) Everyone of us were scheduled to take the test.
(d) Each of us are scheduled to take the test.
33. (a) Mukesh is the richest of the two brothers.
(b) You do not look well today.
(c) She spoke quicker than he did.
(d) I have never been more surer of anything in my life.
34. (a) As the invitation stated, we'll see you the tenth for our reunion.
(b) Like the invitation stated, we'll see you on the tenth for our reunion.
(c) As the invitation stated, we'll see you on the tenth for our reunion.
(d) Like the invitation stated, we'll see you the tenth for our reunion.
35. (a) I prefer coffee over tea.
(b) Stella McCartney is regarded one of the greatest designers of today.
(c) If you have any more questions, you should refer to a grammar book.
(d) He did well in the test, except the sentence construction questions.

Directions for Q36 to Q40: Choose the INCORRECT sentence from the four options given.

36. (a) She looked suspicious at the man wearing the trench coat.
(b) She looked suspiciously at the man wearing the trench coat.
(c) The man wearing the trench coat looked suspiciously at her.
(d) The man wearing the trench coat looked suspicious to her.
37. (a) You may look out the window.
(b) Divide the candy between the two of you.
(c) That is something with which I cannot agree.
(d) Take your shoes off of the bed.
38. (a) I wonder what he could have said to her.
(b) Anita and she have quit the team.
(c) You didn't tell us that they were here first.
(d) My brother and myself constructed the fence.
39. (a) Nora is one of the candidates who are worthy of my vote.
(b) My problem, which is minor in comparison with others, exist because I failed in the test.
(c) If our staff members don't quit picking at each other, we will not meet our goals.
(d) At the end of the story, they were living happily ever after.
40. (a) Eighty percent of the class have passed the test.
(b) Either Gary or I am responsible for allocating the funds.
(c) None of the garbage was picked up.
(d) None of the sentences were punctuated correctly.