

### **I CHOOSE THE CORRECT SENTENCE**

**Directions :** Each set of the following sentences comprises four alternatives labelled as 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D'. Candidate is required to select the most suitable alternative which conveys the exact meaning in accordance with the correct grammatical rules.

1.

- A. When or else fails this medicine is still effective.
- B. When all else fails this medicine is still efficient.
- C. When all other remedies fail this medicine is still efficient.
- D. When all else fails this medicine is still effective.

2. Identify the statement in which the author uses irony:

- A. His painting wasn't the best in the exhibition but it was certainly the biggest.
- B. He was not feeling very hungry so he ordered an extra large main course and two deserts.
- C. She was elected school representative and few would question her suitability for the role.
- D. I was relieved when our team leader at work resigned, because she used to talk about people behind their back.

3.

- A. He is so afraid that he would loose his way that he decided to walk till the town hall and then turn back.
- B. He is so afraid that he would lose his way that he decided to walk to the town hall and then turn back.
- C. He was so afraid that he would loose his way that he decided to walk till the town hall and then turn back.
- D. He was so afraid that he would lose his way that he decided to walk to the town hall and then turn back.

4.

- A. Only I and my sister went but the plane already left before we arrived.
- B. Only my sister and I went but the plane already left before we arrived.
- C. Only my sister and I went but the plane had already left before we arrived.
- D. Only I and my sister went but the plane already left before we arrive.

5.

- A. As usual they had to play football under the rain.
- B. As usually they had to play football in the rain.
- C. As usual they had to play football in the rain.
- D. As usually they had to play football under the rain.

6.

- A. It's better to save for the future rather than spend all your money today on treats and outings.
- B. It's better to save for the future than to spend all your money today on treats and outings.
- C. It's better to save for a rainy day rather than spend all your money today on treats and outings.
- D. It's better to save for a rainy day to a certain extent than spend all you money on treats and outings.

7.

- A. After the visit of his great aunt the tin of biscuits was nearly empty but at least a few were left.
- B. After the visit of his great aunt the tin of biscuits was nearly empty but at least few were left.
- C. After the visit of his great aunt the tin of biscuits was nearly empty but a least a little were left.
- D. After the visit of his great aunt the tin of biscuits was nearly empty but a least little were left.

8.

- A. The waitress refused taking the cigarettes even after the police showed to her the CCTV footage.
- B. The waitress denied taking the cigarettes even after the police showed to her the CCTV footage.
- C. The waitress refused taking the cigarettes even after the police showed the CCTV footage to her.
- D. The waitress denied taking the cigarettes even after the police showed the CCTV footage to her.

**1. D Explanation: 'or else' means 'otherwise', 'all else' means 'all other'. 'Effective' means it works, while 'efficient' means no effort is wasted.**

**2. B Explanation: expressing irony involves saying the opposite to what is intended or expected. If he was really not hungry, then you would not expect him to order so much food.**

**3. D Explanation: 'loose' means movable, 'lose' means misplace. We say 'to' something rather than 'till'.**

**4. C Explanation: always mention the other person or persons first and leave yourself last. Put the completed action first and the second action in the past tense.**

**5. C Explanation: we say that we play or stand in the rain, not under it.**

**6. B Explanation: when making a comparison avoid mixing infinitive and finite forms of verbs.**

**7. A Explanation: 'a few' means 'some', while 'few' means 'not many'; likewise 'a little' and 'little' mean 'some' and 'few' but are correctly used when referring to uncountable nouns.**

**8. D Explanation: to refuse is to not take something offered, to deny is to answer in the negative. A proposition should properly follow the direct object.**

## II Sentence Completion

9. My uncle died without \_\_\_\_\_ a will, and it was very difficult for our family to sort out his money and possessions.

A) doing B) make C) get D) making

ANSWER-D

10. We have some lovely new neighbors; we've already \_\_\_\_\_ friends with them.

A) did B) made C) done D) make

ANSWER- B

11. I like to keep fit, so I \_\_\_\_\_ exercises every day.

A) do B) make C) get D) hear

ANSWER-A

12. Before you go on holiday, you should \_\_\_\_\_ sure that the doors and windows are shut and locked.

A) do B) make C) get D) hear

ANSWER-B

13. \_\_\_\_\_ money, not war!

A) Do B) Make C) Study D) Get

ANSWER- B

14. I was \_\_\_\_\_ a queue waiting to buy some bread.

A) in B) on C) at D) by

ANSWER-A

15. I looked \_\_\_\_\_ all the shelves and \_\_\_\_\_ all the cupboards.

A) in / on B) on / in C) at / in D) at / on

ANSWER-B

16. They certainly weren't \_\_\_\_\_ the table or \_\_\_\_\_ the floor.

A) in / on B) on / in C) at / in D) on / on

ANSWER-D

### III SENTENCE CORRECTION/IMPROVEMENT

Each of the sentence correction questions presents a sentence, part of or all of which is 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. Follow the requirements of standard written English to choose your answer, paying attention to grammar, word choice, and sentence construction. Select the answer that produces the most effective sentence; your answer should make the sentence clear, exact, and free of grammatical error. It should also minimize awkwardness, ambiguity, and redundancy.

17. According to a new *Science* journal paper, the exquisite balance and near gravity-defying grace of cats extends to the way they drink.

- A. the exquisite balance and near gravity-defying grace of cats extends to the way they drink
- B. the exquisite balance and near gravity-defying grace of cats extend to the way it drinks
- C. the exquisite balance as well as the near gravity-defying grace of cats extend to the way they drink
- D. the exquisite balance and near gravity-defying grace of cats are extensions of the way it drinks
- E. the exquisite balance and near gravity-defying grace of cats extend to the way they drink

Answer (OA) – E

18. According to a new study that is the first to explain the physics of animal self-drying, wet dogs and other wet animals shake their body in such a precise and effective manner that washing machine designers are taking notice of these.

- A. wet dogs and other wet animals shake their body in such a precise and effective manner that washing machine designers are taking notice of these.

B. wet dogs and other wet animals are shaking their bodies in so precise and effective a manner that washing machine designers are taking notice of this.

C. wet dogs and other wet animals shakes their bodies in a precise and effective manner so as to cause washing machine designers to take notice of this.

D. wet dogs and other wet animals shake their bodies in such a precise and effective manner that washing machine designers are taking notice of this.

E. wet dogs and other wet animals shake its body with such a precise and effective manner that washing machine designer is taking notice of this.

Answer (OA) – D

19. The problem with the traditional view of stegosaurus is that some specimens, like a skeleton of *Stegosaurus armatus* found nearly a century ago, has metacarpals articulated in a different disposition

A. is that some specimens, like a skeleton of *Stegosaurus armatus* found nearly a century ago, has metacarpals articulated

B. is some specimens, such as a skeleton of *Stegosaurus armatus* found nearly a century ago, have metacarpals articulating

C. was that some specimens, such as a skeleton of *Stegosaurus armatus* found nearly a century ago, had metacarpals articulated

D. had been that some specimens, like a skeleton of *Stegosaurus armatus* found nearly a century ago, have metacarpals articulated

E. is that some specimens, such as a skeleton of *Stegosaurus armatus* found nearly a century ago, having metacarpals articulated

Answer (OA) – C

20. The company made eco-friendly products, including bags, coolers, and kites from materials like discarded energy bar wrappers and yogurt cups.

A. made eco-friendly products, including bags, coolers, and kites from materials like discarded energy bar wrappers and yogurt cups

B. makes eco-friendly products, including bags, coolers, and kites from materials such as discarded energy bar wrappers and yogurt cups

C. makes eco-friendly products, such as bags, coolers, and kites from materials like

discarded energy bar wrappers and yogurt cups

D. is making eco-friendly products, like bags, coolers, and kites from materials such as discarded energy bar wrappers and yogurt cups

E. makes eco-friendly products, which include bags, coolers, and kites out of materials like discarded energy bar wrappers and yogurt cups

Answer (OA) – B

21. The spotted hyena, now found only in sub-Saharan Africa, had been once found in many parts of Europe and Asia.

A. The spotted hyena, now found only in sub-Saharan Africa, had been once found in many parts of Europe and Asia.

B. The spotted hyena, having been found only in sub-Saharan Africa, was once found in many parts of Europe and Asia.

C. The spotted hyena, now only found in sub-Saharan Africa, was once found in many parts of Europe and Asia.

D. The spotted hyena, now found only in sub-Saharan Africa, was once found in many parts of Europe and Asia.

E. The spotted hyena, now found in sub-Saharan Africa, was once found only in

Answer (OA) – D

22. Robots as well as other machines equipped with artificial intelligence shoots military targets, distributes cash, drive cars and deliver medication to patients.

A. Robots as well as other machines equipped with artificial intelligence shoots military targets, distributes cash, drive cars and deliver medication to patients.

B. Robots and other machines equipped with artificial intelligence shoot military targets, distribute cash, drives cars and delivers medication to patients.

C. Robots and other machines equipped with artificial intelligence shoot military targets, cash distribution, drive cars and deliver medication to patients.

D. Robots together with other machines equipped with artificial intelligence shoot military targets, distributes cash, in addition to driving cars and delivering medication to patients.

E. Robots and other machines equipped with artificial intelligence shoot military targets, distribute cash, drive cars and deliver medication to patients.

Answer (OA) – E

23. The Chinese suan pan is different than the European abacus in that the board is split into two decks, with two beads on each rod in the upper deck and five beads on each in the bottom, representing the digits 0 through 4.

A. The Chinese suan pan is different than the European abacus in that the board is split into two decks, with two beads on each rod in the upper deck and five beads on each in the bottom, representing the digits 0 through 4.

B. The Chinese suan pan differs from the European abacus because the board is split into two decks, having two beads for each rod in the upper deck and five beads, representing the digits 0 and 4, on each in the bottom.

C. The Chinese suan pan differs from the European abacus in that the board is split into two decks, with two beads on each rod in the upper deck and five beads, representing the digits 0 through 4, each in the bottom.

D. The Chinese suan pan differs from the European abacus in that the board is split into two decks, with two beads on each rod in the upper deck and five beads, representing the digits 0 through 4, on each in the bottom.

E. The Chinese suan pan differs from the European abacus due to the fact that the board has been split into two decks, with two beads on each rod in the upper deck and five beads, which are representative of the digits 0 through 4, on each in the bottom.

Answer (OA) – D

24. Myanmar's democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi, freed recently from seven years of house arrest, told thousands of wildly cheering supporters that she would continue to fight for human rights and that the rule of law in the military-controlled nation.

A. told thousands of wildly cheering supporters that she would continue to fight for human rights and that the rule of law in the military-controlled nation.

B. told thousands of wildly cheering supporters that she would continue to fight for human rights and the rule of law in the military-controlled nation.

C. had told thousands of wildly cheering supporters that she will continue to



fight for human rights and the rule of law in the military-controlled nation.

D. told thousands of wildly cheering supporters she would continue to fight towards human rights and for the rule of law in the military-controlled nation.

E. has told thousands of wildly cheering supporters that she would continue to fight for human rights and the rule of law in the military-controlled nation as well.

Answer (OA) – B

#### IV CRITICAL REASONING

47. In order to negate the rigorous fluctuations in the levels of insulin in the body, you should eat fruits because they contain a lot of fiber and hence reduce the release of sugar into the bloodstream. Which of the following would reveal most clearly the absurdity of the conclusion drawn above?

- A. Consumption of fibrous foods reverses the rigorous fluctuations in the levels of insulin
- B. Fruits contain a lot of fiber and hence reduce the release of sugar into the bloodstream
- C. Fruits are very rich sources of fibre and hence they help in reducing the blood sugar level and deal with diabetes
- D. The content of fibers is very less in fruits and hence the diabetic patients should avoid its consumption in large amounts
- E. The diabetic patients should consume more fruits because it will help in maintaining the level of sugar in their blood since they are rich sources of fibers

B. Correct answer: d

48. Even the health conscious people have the misconception that fats whether good or bad are always bad for health and so they stop consuming good as well as bad fats. Which of the following would reveal most clearly the absurdity of the conclusion drawn above?

- A. There is a common misconception even among health conscious folks that all fats are bad
- B. To stay away from fats people have stopped consuming both the good and the bad fats that can cause diabetes

- C. All types of fats, whether good or bad are responsible for causing diabetes and hence you should avoid the foods that contain fats
- D. You should consume fruits everyday in order to maintain proper balance of sugar in the blood stream
- E. Since fruits are very rich in fibers, you must try to include them in your daily diet

B. Correct answer: c

49. Eating sweets like cakes and desserts after dinner particularly just before going to bed is very bad for health and could prove to be your stepping stone towards diabetes. Which of the following, if true, most seriously jeopardizes the validity of the argument by the speaker above?

- A. Eating sweets like cakes and desserts after dinner particularly just before going to bed is very good for health
- B. You should not eat heavy desserts after dinner because this habit may lead to diabetes
- C. If you eat sweets and desserts at night just before going to bed it may prove to be very harmful to your health
- D. Eating sweets and heavy desserts at night is not a healthy habit at all
- E. Do not eat sweets and desserts at night

B. Correct answer: a

50. Salads prepared from green vegetables and sprouts are very nutritious and a good anti-diabetic food because they contain a lot of fiber which takes a very long time to be digested fully. Which of the following, if true, identifies the greatest flaw in the reasoning above?

- A. The salads prepared from green vegetables and sprouts are very nutritious and a good anti-diabetic food
- B. The salads prepared from green vegetables and sprouts contain a lot of fiber
- C. Fibrous foods take very long time to get digested completely
- D. The salads prepared from green vegetables and sprouts are very

nutritious but they are not at all good for diabetic patients

- E. Fibrous foods are very for diabetic patients since it takes time to digest them and hence maintains the blood sugar level

B. Correct answer: d

51. Drinking plenty of water ensures proper functioning of kidneys and gets rid of toxins that hamper our metabolism. Which of the following would reveal most clearly the absurdity of the conclusion drawn above?

- A. Sufficient water intake ensures that kidneys are able to function properly
- B. To get rid of toxins and improve the rate of metabolism you must drink sufficient amount of water
- C. Drinking plenty of water ensures proper functioning of the stomach and bones
- D. Drinking sufficient amount of water is very good for proper functioning of the kidneys
- E. Drinking water improves the metabolism

B. Correct answer: c

52. Skipping breakfast is not a good habit because it is like pushing yourself towards the lifestyle problems like obesity and diabetes. Which of the following, if true, most seriously jeopardizes the validity of the argument by the speaker above?

- A. It is not a good food habit to skip your breakfast
- B. Skipping your breakfast can lead you towards obesity and disorders like diabetes
- C. You can skip breakfast and instead of that take lunch a bit early
- D. Skipping breakfast may prove to be very harmful to health
- E. Breakfast is the most important of all meals of the day

B. Correct answer: c

## V READING COMPREHENSION

### PASSAGE 1

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions by selecting the most appropriate option of the choices given below each question.

The real name of Birbal was Maheshdas Bhatt. He took birth in a Brahmin family in the year 1528 in Ghoghara, Sidhi district of Madhya Pradesh, India. Maheshdas was the third child of Gangadas and Anabhadevi. He lost his father Gangadas, at a very young age. Since, then he resided with his grandfather Rupdhar, who resided in the city called as Patrapunj. His grandfather Rupdhar was a great Sanskrit scholar.

Rupdhar started with the education of Maheshdas at a young age of 5. He taught him Hindi, Sanskrit and Persian which was the state language then. Following the family tradition of learning music and poetry, he learned music and poetry as well. Soon he started writing his own poems and setting tunes to them. This made him as a famous poet, musician and a well known singer. In addition to all these qualities, he also had a great wit and very good sense of humor. He used to make a mark with his witty communication skills on anyone he met.

The kings and emperors in those days were very good admirers of art. When the king of Jaipur, Bhagawandas, heard about Maheshdas talent, he invited him with great honor to his own composition in the court of Jaipur. Maheshdas used to write poems under the stage name 'Brahm' and hence, he became well known as 'Brahmakavi'.

Following this, he was invited by Raja Ramachandra of Rewa at his court. When the emperor Akbar came to know about Maheshdas knowledge, intelligence and wisdom, he invited him to be a part of the royal court in the year 1556. Pleased with Maheshdas, Emperor Akbar bestowed upon him a new name ? Birbal, where Bir means Brain and Bal means Strong. He was also conferred with the title of Raja by Emperor Akbar. Along with being a part of Akbar's inner council of nine advisors, known as the 'navaratna', a Sanskrit word meaning nine jewels, he was also one of the most trusted members of Emperor Akbar. Birbal worked with Akbar for a period of 30 years.

Maheshdas was not only good at poetry, singing and music; but he was also very expert in the art of warfare. Pleased with his participation in the mission of Sultanpur at Punjab, the Emperor not only conferred him with the title of Veervar but also gave him the Jagir of Nagarkoth.

You can find the collection of Birbal's writings in the Bharatpur museum located in the state of Rajasthan, India. It is said that, Birbal was found to death while heading a large military troupe during the mission of Afghanistan.

Questions:

31. What was the real name of Birbal

- A. Akbar
- B. Ramachandra
- C. Maheshdas Bhatt
- D. Rupdhar
- E. Gangadas

Correct answer: c

32. Maheshdas used to write poems under the pseudonym 'Brahm' and hence, he became well known by which name?

- a. Veervar
- b. Birbal
- c. Brahmakavi
- d. Raja
- e. Jagatguru

Correct answer: c

33. Where can you find the collection of Birbal's writings?

- a. Sultanpur museum in Punjab
- b. Bharatpur museum in Rajasthan
- c. Sidhi district of Madhya Pradesh
- d. Patrapunj
- e. Rewa

Correct answer: b

34. What was the name of the couple who gave birth to Birbal?

- a. Gangadas and Anabhadevi
- b. Akbar
- c. Rupdhar
- d. Raja Ramachandra
- e. Bhagawandas

Correct answer: a

35. Pleased with the participation of Maheshdas in the mission of Sultanpur at Punjab, the Emperor not only conferred him with the title of Veervar but also gave him \_\_\_\_\_?

- a. Jagir of Nagarkoth
- b. Jagir of Sultanpur
- c. Jagir of Delhi
- d. Jagir of Jaipur
- e. Jagir of Punjab

Correct answer: a

## **PASSAGE 2**

Read the passage and answer the following questions based on the passage by choosing the best option of the five options given for each question.

The development of computers in the 1950s led to the discovery of the Internet. The evolution of internet began with the point-to-point communication between the mainframe computers and other terminals in a small area. This plan then developed into the point-to-point connections between the computers in a wider area. The latest research then expanded into packet switching.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, the packet switched networks such as ARPANET, CYCLADES, Merit Network, Mark I at NPL in the UK, Tymnet as well as Telenet, were developed with the help of a wide variety of protocols.

The development of the packet switched network ARPANET led to the expansion of protocols for internetworking. These protocols were used to merge multiple separate networks together, to form a network of networks.

In the year 1974, Arthur C Clarke described the future of omnipresent networked personal computers in an interview. In the year 1982 the standardization of the Internet Protocol Suite (TCP/IP) took place. This led to the introduction of the Internet which was a world-wide network of fully interconnected TCP/IP networks.

In the year 1981, when the National Science Foundation (NSF) developed the Computer Science Network (CSNET); and in the year 1986, when the NSFNET allowed the access from the educational and research centers in the US, the access to the protocol ARPANET was extended. Emerging of the ISP's i.e. the Internet Service Providers took place in the late 1980s and 1990s. But, in the year 1990, the ARPANET was removed from service.

The denial of NFSNET services led to the commercialization of the Internet in 1995 that allowed the Internet to carry the commercial traffic that was restricted till then. Since then, the use of Internet has strongly affected the cultural and commercial sectors. It led to the use of communication via (e mails) electronic mail, the (VoIP) i.e. Voice over Internet Protocol "phone calls", instant messaging as well as the synchronous video calls. The use of Internet led to the emerging of various social networking sites, forums, and blogs and also included the number of online shopping sites.

The development and use of the advanced networks such as Internet2, very high speed Backbone Network Service i.e. (vBNS) of the NSF's, and the National Lambda Rail is carried out by the educational and the research institutes. The use of fibre optic networks has enabled very high amounts of data transmission at very high speeds, since they can operate at the rate of 1-Gbit/s, 10-Gbit/s, or more. According to the estimations of 1993, it was observed that the Internet carried only 1% of all the two-way telecommunication information flow. By the year 2000 this figure had grown to 51%. The recent observations indicate that, by 2007, the Internet carried more than 97% of all telecommunicated information.

Questions:

36. What led to the discovery of the internet?

- A. Development of computers
- B. Industrialization
- C. Two way telecommunication

D. Use of Social networking sites

E. Forums and blogs

Correct answer: a

37. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, which type of networks was developed?

a. Point to point networks

b. Packet switched networks

c. Protocols

d. Internet

e. All of the above

Correct answer: b

38. In which year the packet switched network ARPANET was removed from service?

a. 1960

b. 1970

c. 1990

d. 1995

e. 2007

Correct answer: c

39. What was the reason for the commercialization of the internet?

a. Removal of ARPANET

b. Removal of phone calls

c. Removal of NFSNET

d. Removal of computers

e. Removal of Telenet

Correct answer: c



40. In which of the following year, the standardization of the Internet Protocol Suite (TCP/IP) took place?

a. 1982

b. 1960

c. 1970

d. 1972

e. 1980

Correct answer: a