

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. They said they would pay this week but no one really expected them to.
- B. They believed they will pay this week but no one was really surprised when they didn't.
- C. They say they would pay this week but no one really expected them to.
- D. They said they will pay this week but no one was really surprised when they didn't.

2.

- A. I apologize for my friend's offensiveness.
- B. I apologizing for what I said to you.
- C. I apologies for my friend's bad manners.
- D. I insist you say sorry for my friend's rudeness.

3.

- A. He sat in the shadow in the middle of the park and read his book out loud.
- B. He sat in the shade in the centre of the park and played a game of cards.
- C. He sat in the shade in the middle of the park and reflected on this situation.
- D. He sat in the shadow in the centre of the park and worked out

4.

- A. It was only a Pug, which is a friendly breed of dog, but it was not afraid of nothing.
- B. It was only a Boarder Terrier, which is a small breed of dog, but it was not afraid of nobody.
- C. It was a Mastiff, which is a very large breed of dog, but it was afraid of anybody.
- D. It was a Chihuahua, which is one of the smallest breeds of dog, but it was not afraid of anybody.

5.

- A. Are you enjoy the play?
- B. Are you enjoying the play?
- C. Do you enjoy the play?
- D. Do you enjoying the play?

6.

- A. The cost of the item paid by the retailer is far less than the cost asked for it in the shop.
- B. The cost of the item paid by the retailer is far less than the price asked for it in the shop.
- C. The price of the item paid by the retailer is far less than the cost asked for it in the shop.
- D. The price of the item paid by the retailer is far less than the price asked for it in the shop.

7.

- A. Have you ever visited to the United States?
- B. Have you ever be to the United States?
- C. Have you ever visit the United States?
- D. Have you ever visited the United States?

8.

- A. He died of hunger while his father died from the wounds received in battle.
- B. He died from hunger while his father died from the wounds received by battle.
- C. He died by hunger while his father died from the wounds received in battle.
- D. He died of hunger while his father died of the wounds received by battle.

1. A Explanation: when the main clause is in the past tense we use 'would'.

2. A Explanation: we use the present simple tense when describing something we do. D is incorrect because it does not make sense.

3. C Explanation: 'shadow' refers to shade of a particular shape, while we use 'middle' rather than 'centre' if we are not suggesting accuracy.

4. D Explanation: the information about dog breeds is irrelevant to the question, which is investigating the misuse of two negatives. Two negatives should be avoided as they change the sense to affirmative, so A and B are grammatically incorrect. C does not make sense.

5. B Explanation: when an event is happening at the time of speaking we use the present continuous: enjoying, doing, etc.

6. B Explanation: 'price' is that paid by the customer, while 'cost' is the amount paid at wholesale.

7. D Explanation: when we refer to a period that continues to the present we use the present perfect: 'travelled', 'been', 'visited'.

8. A Explanation: you can die of hunger but not from hunger. You can die of or from the wounds received in but not by battle.

II Sentence Completion

9. It's no use _____ to him. He's asleep.
A) to talk B) talking C) talk D) having talked
10. Come in now. I'm sorry _____ you waiting so long.
A) keeping B) to have kept
C) kept D) had kept
11. He lost his interest, _____ to obtain promotion.
A) to fail B) have failed C) failing D) having failed
12. The film was so terrifying that I could hardly bear _____ it.
A) watching B) to watch
C) to be watching D) to have watched
13. The police found the money _____ in a disused cottage house.
A) hidden B) hiding C) to have hidden D) hide
14. A job worth _____ is worth _____ well.
A) to do / doing B) doing / to do
C) doing / doing D) to do / to do
15. Don't stand there _____ nothing.
A) to do B) doing C) to have done D) being done
16. If I catch you _____ again, I'll make you _____ in after school _____ some extra work.
A) cheating / to stay / to do B) to cheat / to stay / to do
C) to cheat / stay / to do D) cheating / stay / to do

ANSWERS

- 9-B
10-B
11-D
12-A
13-A
14-C
15-B
16-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. The Merchant Kalashnikov was a three-act opera by Anton Rubinstein, which has a libretto by Nikolai Kulikov, based on The Song of the Merchant Kalashnikov by Mikhail Lermontov.

A. was a three-act opera by Anton Rubinstein, which has a libretto by Nikolai Kulikov, based on

B. is a three-act opera by Anton Rubinstein, with a libretto by Nikolai Kulikov, based on

C. is a three-act opera of Anton Rubinstein, with a libretto by Nikolai Kulikov, basing it on

D. was a three-act opera by Anton Rubinstein, having a libretto by Nikolai Kulikov, based after

E. is a three-act opera from Anton Rubinstein, with a libretto by Nikolai Kulikov, based from

Answer (OA) – B

18. Receiver of Wreck is an official of the British government whose main task was to process incoming reports of shipwrecks so as to give legitimate owners the opportunity of retrieving their property and ensure that law abiding finders of wreck receive an appropriate reward.

A. was to process incoming reports of shipwrecks so as to give legitimate owners the opportunity of retrieving their property and ensure that law-abiding finders of wreck receive

B. had been processing of incoming reports of shipwrecks in order to give legitimate owners the opportunity to retrieve their property and ensuring that law-

abiding finders of wreck receive

C. has been to process incoming reports of shipwrecks so as to give legitimate owners the opportunity for retrieval of their property and for ensuring that law-abiding finders of wreck received

D. is to process incoming reports of shipwrecks so as to give legitimate owners the opportunity to retrieve their property and ensure that law-abiding finders of wreck received

E. is to process incoming reports of shipwrecks in order to give legitimate owners the opportunity to retrieve their property and ensure that law-abiding finders of wreck receive

Answer (OA) – E

19. The Illusionist, a novel by Irish author Jennifer Johnston, had been first published in 1995 by Sinclair Stevenson and is considered to be one of her best works.

A. a novel by Irish author Jennifer Johnston, had been first published in 1995 by Sinclair Stevenson and is considered to be one

B. is a novel by Irish author Jennifer Johnston, which was first published in 1995 by Sinclair Stevenson and is considered as one

C. a novel by Irish author Jennifer Johnston, was first published in 1995 by Sinclair Stevenson and is considered one

D. a novel by Jennifer Johnston, an Irish author, was first published in 1995 by Sinclair Stevenson and was considered as one

E. a novel by Irish author Jennifer Johnston, is first published in 1995 by Sinclair Stevenson and is considered to be one

Answer (OA) – C

20. Sleight of hand, also known as prestidigitation or legerdemain, are a set of techniques used by a magician to manipulate objects such as cards and coins secretly.

A. also known as prestidigitation or legerdemain, are a set of techniques used by a magician to manipulate objects such as cards and coins

B. also known as prestidigitation or legerdemain, is a set of techniques used by a magician to manipulate objects such as cards and coins

C. also known to be prestidigitation or legerdemain, is a set of techniques used by a magician to manipulate objects like cards and coins

D. which is also known as prestidigitation or legerdemain, a set of techniques used by a magician to manipulate objects such as cards and coins

E. also known as prestidigitation or legerdemain, are a set of techniques used by a magician to manipulate objects like cards and coins

Answer (OA) – B

21. Contrary to popular belief, video games aren't just for killing an idle Thursday evening, in fact, a variety of recent studies have begun to demonstrate their teaching potential.

A. video games aren't just for killing an idle Thursday evening, in fact, a variety of recent studies have begun to demonstrate

B. video games aren't just to kill an idle Thursday evening, but a variety of recent studies, in fact, have begun to demonstrate

C. video games aren't just for killing an idle Thursday evening; in fact, a variety of recent studies has begun to demonstrate

D. video games aren't just for killing an idle Thursday evening in fact, a variety of recent studies have begun to demonstrate

E. video games aren't just for killing an idle Thursday evening, and a variety of recent studies have begun in demonstration of

Answer (OA) – D

22. Preliminary analysis of information collected by a NASA science probe that passed by Comet Hartley 2 last week shows unmistakable correlations between jets of dust around the comet's body and carbon dioxide also known as dry ice.

A. shows unmistakable correlations between jets of dust around the comet's body and carbon dioxide

B. show unmistakable correlations between jets of dust around the comet's body

C. shows unmistakable correlations among jets of dust around the comet's body and carbon dioxide

D. show unmistakable correlations between jets of dust around the body of the

comet along with carbon dioxide

E. shows unmistakable correlations of jets of dust around the comet's body with carbon dioxide

Answer (OA) – A

23. Among the 1,500 sources of gamma rays Fermi has mapped so far, nothing resembles the bubble-shaped structures, that stretches across more than half of the visible sky from the constellation Virgo and the constellation Grus.

A. that stretches across more than half of the visible sky from the constellation Virgo and the constellation Grus.

B. that stretch across greater than half of the visible sky from the constellation Virgo to the constellation Grus.

C. which stretches across an area more than half of the visible sky from the constellation Virgo to the constellation Grus.

D. which stretch across more than half of the visible sky, starting from the constellation Virgo to the constellation Grus.

E. which stretch across more than half of the visible sky from the constellation Virgo to the constellation Grus.

Answer (OA) – E

24. Chocolate had been once the drink of Mayan and Aztec kings and now a cocoa shortage may make chocolate an exclusive luxury again.

A. had been once the drink of Mayan and Aztec kings and now a cocoa shortage may make chocolate

B. was once the drink of Mayan and Aztec kings but now a cocoa shortage may make chocolate

C. had once been the drink of Mayan and Aztec kings and now a cocoa shortage will make chocolate

D. was once the drink of Mayan and Aztec kings and now a cocoa shortage may make chocolate

E. was once the drink of Mayan and Aztec kings although now a cocoa shortage may make chocolate

Answer (OA) – D

IV CRITICAL REASONING

25. Excessive intake of proteins may also lead to health problems like diabetes. The statement above logically conveys which of the following?

- A. Eating more protein makes you muscular and healthier
- B. Proteins are essential for the body tissues
- C. If you consume proteins in excess it may cause diabetes
- D. Proteins are very good for health but, if they are consumed in excessive quantities then it may lead to diabetes
- E. Proteins cannot cause diabetes

Correct answer: d

26. Packaged and sweetened fruit juices leads to more intake of refined sugar as compared to the fresh juices. The argument above assumes that

- A. Packaged and sweetened fruit juices contain more refined sugar than the fresh fruit juices
- B. Fresh fruit juices are more beneficial as compared to the packaged and artificially sweetened fruit juices
- C. The percentage of refined sugar is more in the packaged and sweetened fruit juices
- D. The amount of sugar is less in the freshly prepared fruit juices
- E. If you consume packaged fruit juices more, then the content of refined sugar will be more in your body

Correct answer: a

27. Women want to be financially stable in their careers and hence don't jump into motherhood till they are mentally prepared for it. Which of the following, if true, identifies the greatest flaw in the reasoning above?

- A. Women don't want to depend on others and so they want to become financially stable before they get married

- B. Majority of the women try to avoid motherhood until they are mentally prepared for the same
- C. Women should avoid motherhood until they become financially independent
- D. Most of the women of today do not want to become a mother until they financially independent
- E. It is important for the women to be mentally prepared for handling the responsibilities of being a mother

Correct answer: c

28. The film featured lots of animated characters and also a child actress named Virginia Davis who played the leading role in the film. From which of the following can the statement above be most properly inferred?

- A. The film featured lots of animated characters
- B. The leading role was played by a child actress whose name was Virginia Davis
- C. The leading role was played by Virginia Davis, a child actress then, in the film that featured lots of animated characters
- D. Virginia Davis is a child actress
- E. There were lots of animated characters in the film

Correct answer: c

29. Obama chose the Old State Capitol building in Springfield, Illinois as the place for his announcement because this was the place where Abraham Lincoln made his famous "House Divided" speech in the year 1858. Which of the following, if true, most seriously jeopardizes the validity of the argument by the speaker above?

- A. Abraham Lincoln made his famous "House Divided" speech in the year 1858 at the Old State Capitol building in Springfield, Illinois
- B. Obama chose the Old State Capitol building in Springfield, Illinois as the place for making his announcement
- C. Abraham Lincoln and Barack Obama gave their famous speeches at

the Old State Capitol building in Springfield, Illinois

- D. The place that was chosen by Barack Obama was very special since, this was the place where Abraham Lincoln made his famous "House Divided" speech in the year 1858
- E. The famous "House Divided" speech was delivered by Abraham Lincoln

Correct answer: c

30. People who consume alcohol in moderate quantities are less likely to suffer with the problem of enlarged prostate. The argument above would be weakened if it were true that

- A. People who consume alcohol in moderate quantities are more likely to suffer with the problem of enlarged prostate
- B. Alcohol when consumed in moderate quantity can prove to be beneficial
- C. In order to get benefited from alcohol you should consume alcohol moderately
- D. The problem of enlarged prostate is seen less in moderate consumers of alcohol
- E. It is good to consume alcohol only in small amount

B. Correct answer: a

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