

## VERBAL ABILITY

### MODULE 2 – SENTENCE CORRECTION

**Directions:** Look at the bold part of each sentence. Below each sentence are given possible substitutions for the underlined part. Choose the one which is better than the underlined part.

1. He was very tired as he **is working** since 6 O' clock in the morning  
 a. he was working      b. he had been working      c. he has been working      d. he will be working
2. The girl **to who** I sold my car was very honest  
 a. to who I sell      b. to whom I sold      c. to who I sold      d. to whom I sell
3. The teacher **told Alice** to skim the chapter one more time  
 a. invited Alice      b. asked Alice      c. ordered Alice      d. said to Alice
4. Young men and women should **get habit to** waking up early in the morning  
 a. used      b. trained      c. prepared      d. practice
5. The small girl does whatever her mother **was done**.  
 a. has did      b. do      c. had done      d. does
6. The population of China is **higher than that of all other country** in the world.  
 a. higher than all other      b. higher than all other      c. greatest than all      d. higher than that of any other
7. The performances at the event were rather **worst than I had expected**.  
 a. bad than I wished      b. worse than expectation      c. worse than I had expected      d. No correction required
8. The singer stood quietly **for few moments** before the performance  
 a. for moments      b. for few times      c. for a few moments      d. No correction required
9. She has the courage **to rise from** the occasion and win the medal for the country  
 a. to rise to      b. to rise      c. to rise against      d. no improvement required
10. Later the coach became unpopular as he tried to **lord it on** the players.  
 a. lord over      b. lord      c. lord on      d. lord it over
11. For a few days, the new teacher lectured **across the heads** of the students.  
 a. on the heads      b. over the heads      c. over the head      d. through the heads of
12. In addition **to enhanced their** reputations through strategic use of philanthropy, companies are sponsoring social initiatives to open new markets.  
 a. of enhancing their reputation      b. to having enhance their reputation  
 c. to enhancing their reputation      d. to have their reputation enhancing
13. The police has **so far succeeded in recovering** only a part of the stolen property.  
 a. thus far succeeded for recovery      b. so far succeeded in recovery of  
 c. so far succeeded to recover      d. No correction required
14. My hair **stood off ends** when I saw the horrible sight.  
 a. stood at ends      b. stood on ends      c. stood to ends      d. stands on ends
15. **The long or short of it** is that I do not want to deal with that new firm  
 a. The long and short of it      b. The long and short for it  
 c. The long or short for it      d. The shot and long for it
16. Can you tell me **why did you not speak** the truth?  
 a. why did not you speak      b. that why did you not speak  
 c. why you did not speak      d. why did you not spoke

17. The moment the manager came to know fraudulent action of his assistant, **he order immediately dismissed him**

- a. immediately ordered his dismissed
- b. ordered his immediate dismissal
- c. immediately order dismissal of his
- d. ordered for immediately dismissal of him

18. **If I would have** realised the nature of job earlier, I would not have accepted it.

- a. If I have had
- b. In case I would have
- c. Had I been
- d. Had I

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

20. As there was no time, the remaining items **were deferred into** the next meeting.

- a. are deferred till
- b. were deferred till
- c. were deferred to
- d. had deferred with

**Directions: The sentences given below are divided into three parts (A), (B) and (C). One of these parts may contain an error. You have to indicate that part as your answer. If there is no error, mark (D) as your answer.**

21. (A)We discussed about the problem so thoroughly (B) on the eve of the examination (C) that I found it very easy to work it out. (D)No error.

- a) (A)
- b) (B)
- c) (C)
- d) No Error

22. (A)An Indian ship (B)laden with merchandise (C) got drowned in the Pacific Ocean. (D)No error.

- a) (A)
- b) (B)
- c) (C)
- d) No Error

23. (A)I could not put up in a hotel (B)because the boarding and lodging charges (C) were exorbitant. (D)No error.

- a) (A)
- b) (B)
- c) (C)
- d) No Error

24. (A)A lot of travel delay is caused (B)due to the inefficiency and lack of good management (C)on behalf of the railways. (D)No error.

- a) (A)
- b) (B)
- c) (C)
- d) No Error

25. (A)One of the members (B)expressed doubt if (C)the Minister was an atheist. (D)No error.

- a) (A)
- b) (B)
- c) (C)
- d) No Error

26. (A)Do the roses in your garden smell (B)more sweetly (C)than those in ours? (D)No error.

- a) (A)
- b) (B)
- c) (C)
- d) No Error

27. (A)He was sure (B)that he should (C)win the Prize. (D)No error.

- a) (A)
- b) (B)
- c) (C)
- d) No Error

28. (A)He fell from a running train (B)and would have died (C)if the villagers did not get him admitted in the nearby hospital immediately. (D)No error.

- a) (A)
- b) (B)
- c) (C)
- d) No Error

29. (A)While luminaries of the dance world (B)have a dearth of opportunities to display their art (C)upcoming dancers suffer from an unfortunate lack of exposure. (D)No error.

- a) (A)
- b) (B)
- c) (C)
- d) (D)

30. (A)One of the most effective (B) solutions is that she should work on Sunday (C)and complete the assignment. (D)No error.

- a) (A)
- b) (B)
- c) (D)
- d) (E)

**Directions: Look at the underlined part of each sentence. Below each sentence are given possible substitutions for the underlined part. Choose the one that is correct. The first option is always same as the underlined part. Hence choose option A if you think no change is required.**

31. The people of the ancient Assyrian Empire were renowned warriors, although they also crafted some of the best-preserved ancient art.

- a. were renowned warriors, although they also crafted
- b. had been renowned warriors, although they also crafted
- c. were renowned warriors, and also crafted
- d. was renowned warriors, although they also crafted

32. Among the litany of threats that many Israelis face, the potential for a nuclear-armed Iran is perhaps the more scary as this scenario could engulf the region in a violent war. This would likely result in historically unseen amounts of destruction, even for a region whose history is marred by perennial violence.
- a. perhaps the more      b. perhaps the most      c. Possibly, perhaps the most      d. possibly the greatest
33. Despite being thousands of years old, the writing of Augustine of Hippo has inspired and captivated countless individuals, fundamentally because they convey the moving inner-journey of man searching for the divine in a lucid and compelling fashion.
- a. because they convey the moving inner-journey  
b. due to the fact that it conveys the moving inner-journey  
c. because of their conveying the moving inner-journey  
d. because it conveys the moving inner-journey
34. On Discovery channel last night they showed an informative program about new innovations in medical imaging, which you would have found interesting.
- a. they showed an informative program about new innovations in medical imaging, which you would have found interesting.  
b. they showed an informative program about innovations in medical imaging, which you would have found interesting.  
c. they showed an informative program about innovations in medical imaging, that you would have found interesting.  
d. there was an informative program about innovations in medical imaging, a program you would have found interesting.
35. During the worst years of the Great Depression, America faced tremendous challenges as unemployment topped 25%. Many historians credit the New Deal and the World War II industrial complex for propelling America out of the depression and into a then-unparalleled time of economic prosperity
- a. for propelling      b. with having propelled      c. as propelling      d. with propelling
36. In the engineering sector at the moment there are no jobs for those without experience, which makes it difficult for we recent graduates to get started on our careers.
- a. at the moment there are no jobs for those without experience, which makes it difficult for we  
b. at the moment there are no jobs for those without experience, which makes it difficult for us  
c. there are no jobs at the moment for those without experience, a fact that makes it difficult for us  
d. there are no jobs at the moment for those without experience, which makes it difficult for us
37. After working for two hours, the essay started to take shape, and he began to hope that he might finish before the deadline.
- a. After working for two hours, the essay started to take shape, and he began to hope  
b. When the essay started to take shape after he had worked on it for two hours, he began to hope  
c. When the essay started to take shape after he had worked on it for two hours, he begun to hope  
d. When the essay started to take shape after working on it for two hours, he began to hope
38. World War II, which resulted in the death of over 70 million individuals, proved to be the deadliest conflict in human history, claiming nearly twice as many lives than would be killed in World War I.
- a. lives than would be killed in World War I      b. lives as would World War I  
c. lives than those who were killed in World War I      d. lives as World War I
39. If the gardener would sow the seeds in the greenhouse rather than the garden, he might get a better display of flowers.
- a. If the gardener would sow the seeds in the greenhouse rather than the garden  
b. If the gardener sowed the seeds in the greenhouse rather than the garden  
c. If the gardener would sow the seeds in the greenhouse rather than in the garden  
d. If the gardener were to sow the seeds in the greenhouse rather than in the garden
40. According to a recent study, financial problems, together with their serious ramifications, ranks as one of the high causes of marital stress in America.
- a. ranks as one of the high causes of marital stress in America  
b. rank as one of the leading causes of marital stress in America  
c. rank as one of the most high causes of marital stress in America  
d. ranks as one of the leading causes of marital stress in America

*"The whole secret of a successful life is to find out what is one's destiny to do, and then do it."*