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Following are the important areas in Grammar:

- Tenses
- Subject-Verb Agreement
- Parallelism
- Modifier
- Prepositions
- Noun-Pronoun

Let's practice a few questions:

Direction for questions 1 to 10: From the given alternatives choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. The robber _____ on the unsuspecting tourist quietly.
(1) zeroed on (2) snuck up
(3) jumped in (4) closed in
2. Anshu is on a vacation. I will have to _____ for him till he returns.
(1) put up (2) fill in
(3) adjust in (4) roll out
3. The start-up had begun well. However, due to mismanagement, it _____.
(1) sank under (2) fell under
(3) crashed under (4) went under
4. Despite our best efforts, I'm afraid our plans have fallen _____. We will have to start all over again.
(1) through (2) out
(3) over (4) behind
5. When you have thought _____ what I have said, you will understand.
(1) out (2) on
(3) up (4) through
6. The advent of _____ internet may have modified _____ growth pattern of the country.
(1) a, a (2) the, the
(3) a, no article needed (4) an, the
7. _____ discussion changed my attitude towards _____ ritual.
(1) A, no article needed (2) The, a
(3) The, an (4) The, the

8. *Kagaz ki Kashti* is one of those songs that _____ childhood memories.
(1) calls forth (2) stirs
(3) stir up (4) All of the above
9. James got the company car for a _____ price as he was the vice president.
(1) insignificant (2) sparse
(3) nominal (4) little
10. In these materialistic times, personal interests take precedence _____ relationships.
(1) on (2) of (3) over (4) at

Directions for questions 11 to 20: Replace the underlined portion with an appropriate choice, if necessary. Choose the option that conveys the meaning most logically.

11. Reforms should be introduced for both rich and poor.
(1) both rich and poor.
(2) both the rich and the poor.
(3) both and rich with the poor.
(4) both the rich and poor.
12. You have to remove your shoes outside as a rule before entering the temple's premises.
(1) You have to remove your shoes outside as a rule before entering the temple's premises.
(2) As a rule you should remove your shoes outside before entering the temple's premises.
(3) As a rule, you have to remove your shoes outside before entering the temple's premises
(4) You have to remove your shoes outside before entering as a rule the temple's premises.
13. Lasting peace among neighbours, as Pakistan and Afghanistan surely are, is vital.
(1) among neighbours, as Pakistan and Afghanistan surely are, is
(2) between neighbours, as Pakistan and Afghanistan surely are, is

- (3) among neighbours, as Pakistan and Afghanistan surely is, is
- (4) between neighbours, as Pakistan and Afghanistan surely are,
14. If all the residents would have participated in the RWA meetings, the 'Jawahar society' would have been a Closely knit group of people.
- (1) If all the residents would have participated in the RWA meetings,
- (2) If all the residents would have had participated in the RWA meetings,
- (3) The residents, if they would have participated in the RWA meetings,
- (4) If all the residents had participated in the RWA meetings,
15. The party is going through a great turmoil after its political offspring, 'the Dream Party', has been caught knee deep in the slush of corruption.
- (1) is going through a great turmoil after its political offspring, the Dream Party, has been caught
- (2) has been going through a great turmoil after its political off spring, the Reality Party, had been caught
- (3) has been going through a great turmoil after its political offspring, the Dream Party, was caught
- (4) is going through a great turmoil after its political offspring, the Dream Party, is being caught
16. Meditation requires that the mind be put aside so that it no longer interferes with reality and you can get a clear picture of the world around you.
- (1) the mind be put aside so that it no longer interferes with reality and
- (2) the mind be put aside so that it no longer interfere with reality and
- (3) the mind be put aside so that it no longer has been interfering with reality and
- (4) the mind be put aside so that it longer had been interfering with reality and
17. The Prime Minister is perhaps the only person in the ruling party that qualifies to be considered not only a politician, but also a statesman.
- (1) The Prime Minister is perhaps the only person in the ruling party that qualifies to be considered not a politician, but also a statesman.
- (2) The Prime Minister is perhaps the only person in the ruling party that who qualifies

to be considered not only a politician, but also a statesman.

- (3) The Prime Minister is perhaps the only person in the ruling party who qualifies to be considered not only a politician, but also a statesman.
- (4) The Prime Minister is in all probability the only person in the ruling party who qualify to be considered not only a politician, but also a statesman.
18. Between them, the RJD and the labour party have 23 MPs.
- (1) Between them, the RJD and the labour party have
- (2) Between themselves, the RJD and the labour party have
- (3) Amongst them, the RJD and the labour party have
- (4) Amongst themselves, the RJD and the labour party have
19. Jwala didn't know who she would take on as her playing partner in the badminton match.
- (1) Who she would take on as her playing
- (2) Whom she would take on as her playing
- (3) As to whom she would take on as her Playing
- (4) Whom she would take on as hers playing.
20. It is they who are feeding the public with doubts about the efficacy of the new satellite system.
- (1) They who are feeding the public
- (2) Them who are feeding the public
- (3) They who are feeding public
- (4) They that who are feeding the public

Directions for questions 21 to 30: Each of the following sentences has been divided into some parts. Mark the part of the sentence that has an error. In case there is no error mark (4) as your answer.

21. Euclid proved that the sum (1) / of the three right angles of a triangle (2) / were equal to two right angles. (3) / No error (4)
22. One can perceive the preservation unto eternity of the human illusions of free will, (1) / self, and continuity of consciousness as a good thing - or you can view it as a burden,(2) / like the preservation unto eternity of stomach aches, bad tempers, and pimples(3)./ No error (4)
23. A new set of future satellites called 'hyperspectral imaging (1) / satellites' are set to add teeth to the way (2) / India will be seen from about 600 km in space (3). / No Error (4)

24. The Indian space research organisation (ISRO) says it plans to launch (1)/ a full-fledged niche earth observatory(EO) satellite - called the Hyperspectral imaging satellite (2) /or HySIS - using a critical chip they have developed. (3) / No Error (4)
25. The doctor was concerned when he saw that his partner's (1) / face was red in colour after just two set of tennis (2) / and arranged for the partner's complete physical examination (3)/ No Error(4)
26. The uninformed (1) / seek in (2)/ a change in the immigration policy of the country. (3) / No Error (4)
27. Jaya (1)/ having stated her point of view (2) / decided to leave for home. (3) / No Error (4)
28. Abby has been handling pressure (1) / since forever (2)/ with a lot of maturity and grace. (3) / No Error (4)
29. A person is assumed innocent (1) / until their (2) / proven guilty. (3) / No Error (4)
30. In the shade near the house she wrote at a low table, (1) / struggling to control her shaking body — a symptom of the cerebral palsy (2) / that she has lived with since she was born in this village in the central province of Hubei. (3) / No Error(4)

Direction for questions 31 to 35: Choose the grammatically incorrect sentence(s).

31. A. The man led Oliver to his hut and had told him to remain there for the night.
B. She will feed him so that he will live.
C. I will call you up before I will arrive.
D. Wherever he preached, people gathered to listen.
- (1) A, B, and D (2) B and C
(3) A and C (4) A, B, and C
32. A. For the past 16 years, the Cuban American poet and novelist-in-verse Margarita Engle has helped train to search and rescuing dogs in her spare time.
B. In practice sessions, volunteer victims must learn how to stay still and watchful, and the dogs must learn how to pay extra attention for even the unfamiliar.
C. Both skills are apt metaphors for Engle's writing, which traipses geographies watchfully, illuminating what might otherwise go unnoticed or unsaid.

- D. Born in Los Angeles to a Cuban mother and an American father, Engle is the author of more than 20 books, including numerous poetry collections, novels, and a memoir in verse.

- (1) A and B (2) Only B
(3) A, C, and D
(4) All the sentences are incorrect

33. A. I now wish that I would have spent somewhat more of my life with verse.
B. This is not because I fear having missed out on truths that are incapable of being stated in prose.
C. There are no such truths; there is nothing about death that Swinburne and Landor knew but Epicurus and Heidegger failed to grasp.
D. Rather, it is because I would have lived more full if I had been able to rattle off more old chestnuts – just as I would have if I had made more close friends.

- (1) Only A (2) B and C
(3) C and D (4) A and D

34. A. I once heard a story about the design of a German luxury car.
B. The designers felt that there was something about the experience of driving the car that was missing.
C. After months of attempts to discern the nature of this luxurious *je-ne-sais-quoi*, one of the more intrepid designers sought refuge in the arts.
D. It was at the movie theater that the solution dawned on him.

- (1) Only A (2) Only B
(3) C and D
(4) All the sentences are correct

35. A. Perfectionism impoverishes our aesthetic lives because it limits the range of sensuous qualities of appreciation.
B. Imperfect objects are usually characterized by irregularity, disorder, complex, and rough surfaces.
C. Appreciation of imperfection is part of the eighteenth-century British notion of the picturesque, most prominently exemplified with architectural ruins.
D. William Gilpin, for example, acknowledge the beauty and elegant of Palladian architecture with its symmetrical and orderly design.

- (1) A and B (2) A, B, and C
(3) B, C, and D
(4) All the sentences are incorrect

Direction for questions 36 to 40: Choose the grammatically correct sentence(s).

36. A. Yemen's raging two -year conflict has turned up the country into an incubator for lethal cholera.
B. Collapsing on sidewalks and constantly vomiting, doctors are treating scores of Yemeni villagers who barely make it to the health centre.
C. They are part of a stream of hundreds of suspected cholera victims that continue to converge on the centre from the impoverished towns of Bani Haydan in Yemen's northern Hajja province.
D. Primitive sanitation and water systems put Yemini's at risk of drinking faeces - contaminated water.

- (1) A, B, and C (2) C and D
(3) A, C, and D
(4) All the sentences are incorrect

37. A. The Bangladesh Supreme court's decision to nullify the 16th amendment to the Constitution, which empowered the country's Parliament to remove top court judges, has triggered strong criticism from the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
B. The Bangladesh Supreme court's decision, which empowered the country's Parliament to remove top court judges, to nullify the 16th amendment to the Constitution has triggered strong criticism from the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
C. The Bangladesh Supreme court's decision to nullify the 16th amendment to the Constitution, which empowered the country's Parliament to remove top court judges, have triggered strong criticism from the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
D. The Bangladesh Supreme court's decision to nullify the 16th amendment to the a Constitution has triggered strong criticism, which empowered the country's Parliament to remove top court judges, from the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

- (1) Only A (2) Only B
(3) Only C (4) Only D

38. A. The African elephant- mythic symbol of a continent, keystone of its ecology and the largest land animal remaining on earth- has become the object of one of the biggest, broadest international efforts yet mounted

to turn a threatened species off the road to extinction

- B. As a voracious eater of vegetation, it largely shapes the forest-and-savannah surroundings in which it lives, thereby setting the terms of existence for millions of other storied animals-from zebras to gazelles to giraffes and the wild beasts-that share its habitat.
C. It's the elephant's metabolism and appetite that makes it a disturber of the environment and therefore an important creator of habitat.
D. And as the elephant disappears, scientists and conservationists say, many other species will also disappear from vast stretches of forest and savannah, drastically altering and impoverishing whole ecosystem.

- (1) A and D (2) Only A
(3) B, C, and D (4) A and B

39. A. It is now universally accepted that scholarly journals will have to be available in digital formats.
B. What is not settled is whether they can be more or less expensive than print journals.
C. Most traditional print publishers still claiming that switching to an electoral format can save at most 30% of the costs.
D. Prices of electronic versions of established print journals is little lower than those of the basic paper versions.

- (1) Only A (2) Only B
(3) Only C (4) Only D

40. A. The targets of the Egyptian police, that day in November 2015, were the street vendors who clustered over the arcades of the elegant century-old buildings of Heliopolis, a Cairo suburb.
B. Such raids were routine but these vendors occupied an especially sensitive location.
C. Just 100 yards away is the ornate palace where Egypt's president, the military strongman Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, welcomes foreign dignitaries.
D. As the men hurriedly gathered their goods from mats and doorways, preparing to flee, they had an unlikely assistant: an Italian graduate student named Giulio Regeni.

- (1) Only A (2) A and B
(3) B, C, and D (4) A and C

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21	3	22	2	23	2	24	3	25	2	26	2	27	4	28	2	29	2	30	4
31	4	32	1	33	4	34	4	35	4	36	4	37	1	38	1	39	1	40	3

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| <p>1. 4 Close in on' means to move nearer to somebody especially in order to stop them from escaping. This is the correct phrase. The other options don't fit.</p> <p>2. 2 Fill in' means to do someone's job while he/she is away.</p> <p>3. 4 Went under' is the correct prepositional phrase here. If something like a business or company goes under, it fails completely and stops operating. 'Sank under', 'fell under' and 'crashed under' are incorrect here.</p> <p>4. 1 If something 'falls through', it fails to materialize or happen, like a plan, deal or an arrangement. The correct phrasal verb here is option 1. To 'fall out' means to end friendly terms with someone. 'Fall over' means to fall on something or fall down. 'Fall behind' means to move slowly so that you lag behind someone.</p> <p>5. 4 Thought through' means to consider a situation thoroughly, with all its pros and cons. This phrasal verb fits in best. 'Thought up' is the past tense of 'think up' which means to create a clever idea using creativity or imagination. 'Thought out' is preparing for something fully before doing anything. 'Thought on' is incorrect.</p> <p>6. 2 We need the definite article in both the blanks.</p> <p>7. 4 Both the nouns refer to a definite thing. Hence, the definite article 'the' is required for both the blanks.</p> <p>8. 3 Option 1 is wrong on two counts. It is grammatically incorrect as the blank needs a plural verb. The subject is "songs". Secondly, it means to get a particular reaction. We need a synonym for the word rouse here. Stir up is the correct answer. Option 2 too has a singular verb.</p> | <p>9. 3 Small or nominal is the best fit. Insignificant is incorrect grammatically.</p> <p>10. 3 Precedence will be followed by the preposition "over".</p> <p>11. 2 Adjectives which are used to refer to a group of people or a collective noun take the definite article before it. Hence, 2 is the answer.</p> <p>12. 3 The phrase 'as a rule' qualifies the entire sentence and should therefore be placed before or after the entire sentence. '3' has it before and is therefore the right option. Placing it in the middle as in '1' reduces clarity. 'you should ' in '2' makes it incorrect. Placing the phrase after entering changes the meaning of the sentence.</p> <p>13. 2 "Between" is used for two nouns. Hence options 1 and 3 are ruled out. Option 4 is missing the word "is" at the end.</p> <p>14. 4 This is a conditional statement. So the structure will be — past perfect tense in the principal clause followed by would and present perfect tense in the coordinate clause.</p> <p>15. 3 There are two events described here, one of which took place earlier and the other was a consequence of the first, started at the time of the first and is continuing in the present. Option 3 describes this situation appropriately by using 'was caught' for the first event and 'has been going through' for the second. The word 'after' does not allow the two events to be described in the present as in options 1 ('is going through' – 'has been caught') and 4 ('is going through' – 'is being caught'). Option 2 is incorrect because the verbs 'has been going through' and 'had been caught' call for ever since and not 'after' to provide the right connection.</p> |
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16. 1 The original sentence is correct following the sequence of tenses. Option 2 does not follow the subject verb agreement. 'has been' in option 3 and 'had been' in option 4 restrict the time reference to present and past whereas 'interferes' covers three time references.
17. 3 "not only - but also" is a paired conjunction.
18. 1 In this sentence options 3 and 4 are incorrect as 'amongst' instead of between is used. Option 2 is incorrect as it uses the emphatic case 'themselves' instead of the objective 'them'.
19. 2 "Whom" is the pronoun used for objective case. Here Jwala is the subject and the other player has to be in objective case.
20. 1 Whenever the pronoun functions as the subject of the verb, it takes the subjective case 'they'. Hence option 2 is incorrect. Option 3 has dropped 'the' in the sentence. Option 4 uses 'that who' which is incorrect.
21. 3 A past tense in the main clause is followed by present tense in the subordinate clause when the subordinate clause expresses a universal truth. So the correct sentence should be "angles...are equal".
22. 2 The usage of pronoun should be consistent throughout the sentence. "One can view it as a burden and not "you can" would have been correct.
23. 2 There is a subject verb agreement error. The subject is "a new set". So the verb should be "is" and not "are".
24. 3 ISRO is singular so it should be — "using a critical chip it has developed."
25. 2 'In colour' is redundant. It should also be "two sets".
26. 2 "In" after "seek" is redundant here.
27. 4 The sentence is correct.
28. 2 "Since forever" is not a Standard English phrase.
29. 2 "Their" is incorrect. It should be replaced by "He / She is". "A person" is singular in nature.
30. 4 The sentence is correct.
31. 4 Only sentence D is correct. In A, 'had told' should be replaced by 'told' since the sentence requires a simple past tense. In B "he may live" is the right formation since we use present tense in the subordinate clause to indicate purpose if the principal clause is in the present or future tense. In C it will be "before I arrive" and not simple future tense since it is the first conditional.
32. 1 Sentence A is incorrect. "...train search and rescue dogs..." would have been correct. In sentence B, "attention to" and "even the familiar" would have been correct. The other two sentences are correct.
33. 4 In A, "I now wish that I had" would have been correct. In D, "lived more fully" would have been correct.
34. 4 All the sentences are grammatically correct.
35. 4 All the sentences are incorrect. A – "qualities for appreciation". B – complexity. C- exemplified by. D – acknowledges, elegance.
36. 4 All the sentences are incorrect. In A, it should be 'turned', and not 'turned up'. B has a modifier error. According to the sentence the doctors are collapsing and vomiting and not the Yemeni villagers. C has a subject verb agreement error. The verb 'continues' is appropriate with stream. In D it should be Yemini's and not Yemeni's.
37. 1 In options B and D the modifier " which empowered — judges" has been wrongly placed. (It should modify - the 16th amendment to the constitution). In C 'has' is changed to 'have' which creates a subject-verb agreement error.
38. 1 In B 'the wild beasts' is wrong and in C it should be make, not makes.
39. 1 B – "more or less expensive" is wrong. C – "Still claiming" is incorrect. D – "is little lower" is incorrect. It should be "prices...are".
40. 3 Only A is incorrect. "Clustered over" is incorrect. It should be "clustered under".