

**VERBAL ABILITY HANDOUT**  
(Nouns, Pronouns and Articles)

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The following topics will be discussed in this session:

**I. Nouns**

- (i) Kinds of Nouns: Proper, Common, Collective, Abstract and Material
- (ii) Gender: Masculine, Feminine and Neuter
- (iii) Number: Countable and Uncountable
- (iv) Correct use of Nouns.

**II. Pronouns**

- (i) Personal Pronouns, Reflexive Pronouns, Relative Pronouns, Interrogative Pronouns, .... etc.
- (ii) Correct use of Pronouns.

**III. Articles**

- (i) Definite and Indefinite Articles
- (ii) Correct use of Articles.

**Directions for questions 1 to 40:** Correct the following sentences.

1. Vitamin C is popular anti-oxidant and is used to treat several common diseases.
2. If ties between the largest democracies are going to be strengthened, then the arts <sup>are</sup> just as important as government.
3. A leader is not <sup>a</sup> one who revels in success or worries about the grim future.
4. The jury has not yet come to a consensus on the number of damages the assemblies <sup>are</sup> plants should pay for.
5. One can enjoy a place only when its surroundings <sup>are</sup> clean.
6. Four-fifths of the works done by the assistant were completed in a single day.
7. For four decades, the two countries have invested in ignorance about one other's country at a man-to-man level and have nurtured an incremental interest in hatred.
8. I went to the shop to <sup>buy</sup> a soap.
9. I suddenly noticed that the table's leg was broken and that it needed repair.
10. Lata said that she has <sup>the</sup> dinner generally at 9:00 p.m.
11. Raju is a research scholar and goes to the university everyday.
12. When I went to <sup>the</sup> Agra I saw Taj Mahal.
13. The mother lifted the child by his hand.
14. The analyses of that organization are very reliable.
15. A <sup>looker on</sup> enjoys <sup>the</sup> game more than the one who is playing it.
16. I am delighted to see an increase in the number of woman pilots in India.
17. There were more than 10 specieses of cows along with their calfs on display.
18. The only desire in my life is to get the autograph of Roger Federer, Tennis player.
19. We are moving to London the next April.
20. The place I wish to visit in United Kingdom is British <sup>Her</sup> museum.
21. The news of his death was published both in Times and Hindu.
22. Even at this age my grandfather enjoys a good health.
23. All my old trousers are faded and so I need to buy a new trouser.
24. Vivekananda was one of those disciples who attributed his success to his master.
25. I have contributed to the success of this project as much as him.
26. Geeta's and Sunit's joint account has been closed.
27. The judge listened carefully to the defense lawyer and the prosecutor's arguments.
28. A dreamer does not see things in their true colour.



29. After the rains, the sun rode majestically across the skies in his golden chariot.
30. He is the man whom all of them thought had committed the crime.
31. Of Ram, Shyam and Suraj, the latter is a Chartered Accountant.
32. Each had one's own grievance to give vent to.
33. Let she be the one to take the oath after the march past.
34. You will be stirring up the nest of the hornet if you discuss the episode over and over again.
35. Honesty and commitment of most of our politicians are questionable.
36. The freshwater is the scarcest of all natural resources so we must value it like liquid gold.
37. All said and done, the print media is the essential means of communication because of its decentralized nature and its democratic underpinnings.
38. The authors have rightly pointed out that all their efforts have only resulted in offering us a mere glimpse of the rich bio-diversities of the forests of Arunachal Pradesh.
39. My cow eats more grass than he.

40. The area for the sports ground of the school is bigger than the library.

*Directions for questions 41 to 50: Fill in the blanks with suitable words:*

41. Though he is \_\_\_\_\_ American he lived in Europe for most part of his life.  
(1) an (2) a  
(3) the (4) No article
42. Jane is \_\_\_\_\_ European, but she married an Indian.  
(1) an (2) a  
(3) the (4) No article
43. \_\_\_\_\_ U.N.O was formed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 1945.  
(1) The (2) A  
(3) An (4) No article
44. \_\_\_\_\_ one of them was curious to know about the new installation.  
(1) Some (2) Each  
(3) Any (4) Every
45. She helped \_\_\_\_\_ to a slice of cake  
(1) itself (2) her own  
(3) herself (4) themselves
46. The band of thieves were notorious for \_\_\_\_\_ exploits.  
(1) its (2) their (3) theirs (4) whose
47. \_\_\_\_\_ were left at the party past eleven in the night.  
(1) Few (2) None  
(3) Much (4) Somebody
48. Both the politicians were constantly criticising \_\_\_\_\_ other.  
(1) each (2) one (3) every (4) some

49. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ the entire process of production so that you may be left with no doubts by the time the final phase starts.  
(1) acquaint yourself about  
(2) acquaint yourself with  
(3) acquaint about  
(4) acquaint

50. The mountaineer lost his \_\_\_\_\_ while he was on his way to the Kanchanjanga.  
(1) travel equipment (2) equipment's travel  
(3) equipment off travel (4) equipments

*Directions for questions 51 to 60: Each of the following questions has a sentence divided into four parts, one of which has an error. Identify that part of the sentence and mark its number as your answer. If there is no error mark (5) as your answer:*

51. There were / 200 deers / in the zoo / a decade ago. /  
(1) (2) (3) (4)  
No error  
(5)
52. Each of us have / a genetic make-up, / with genes for  
(1) (2)  
specific connections / in the brain. / No error  
(3) (4) (5)
53. There were / no less than / twenty students present /  
(1) (2) (3)  
at the conference. / No error  
(4) (5)
54. The scavenger does not / come regularly to our  
(1) (2)  
street / and large hills of / rubbish are seen  
(3) (4)  
everywhere. / No error  
(5)
55. This is one / of the boldest / scheme that have /  
(1) (2) (3)  
ever been proposed. / No error  
(4) (5)
56. I cannot support / them slipping away from the class /  
(1) (2)  
while the professor is / still teaching. / No error  
(3) (4) (5)
57. He came / with his family members / to attend a  
(1) (2)  
wedding reception / of his best friend. / No error  
(3) (4) (5)
58. The third and fourth chapter / of this book are  
(1) (2)  
so touching / that I could not help crying / when  
(3)  
I read them. / No error  
(4) (5)
59. This is / one of the best / movie that has been /  
(1) (2) (3)  
released this year. / No error  
(4) (5)
60. The spokesperson / of the ministry / promised to give  
(1) (2)  
the journalists / the informations they needed. / No error  
(3) (4) (5)



## VERBAL ABILITY HANDOUT

(Grammar – Verbs, Adjectives, Adverbs)

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The following topics will be discussed in this session.

1. Verbs : Types of verbs
  - (i) Finite and Non-finite
  - (ii) Transitive and Intransitive
  - (iii) Principal and Auxiliary
- Tenses
  - (i) Past, Present and Future
  - (ii) Forms of tenses
    - (a) Simple
    - (b) Continuous or Progressive
    - (c) Perfect
    - (d) Perfect continuous
2. Infinitives, Gerunds and Participles
3. Adjectives : (a) Kinds of Adjectives – Adjectives of quality, quantity and number, Demonstrative adjectives, Interrogative adjectives etc.  
(b) Degrees of Comparison: Positive, Comparative and Superlative
4. Adverbs : (a) Types of Adverbs: Adverbs of time, frequency, manner, degree, affirmation or negation, reason and interrogation  
(b) Positioning of Adverbs

**Directions for questions 1 to 40:** Each sentence given below consists of one or more errors. Correct the error(s) and rewrite the sentence without changing the meaning of the sentence. Please note that there can be more than one way of rewriting the sentence.

1. United states rapidly ~~recovered~~ from the Cuban Missile crises, the Kennedy assassination, and the Gulf War.
2. Oil production is not only the means by which a country developed.
3. I would not pick on the Nigerian Navy for a career, if I had not chanced upon the inspired tales of Sir Henry Curtis.
4. A sustaining re-investment in agriculture is crucial if instability in access to affordable food is to be avoided.
5. He drove as fastly as he could but failed to overtake the train.
6. Visitors to the city don't think that Biryani anywhere else tastes as well as it does here.
7. We appreciate your generous donation and hope you will be continuing to aid us in the future.

8. Prior to the ban on the marketing of the drug in the 1960's, the physician, Kelsy has been instrumental in identifying the drugs side effects.
9. I ~~am noticing~~ <sup>noticed</sup> a remarkable change in the boy's behaviour.
10. My dog is ~~barking~~ <sup>barks</sup> a lot, but he is not barking at the moment.
11. She will not cook unless she ~~will have~~ <sup>has</sup> an assistant to help her.
12. As soon as the exams ~~will be~~ <sup>are</sup> over, we will go on a vacation.
13. I ~~am not able to~~ <sup>can't</sup> believe that my own brother ~~had~~ <sup>has</sup> betrayed me.
14. The train is ~~being~~ <sup>was</sup> late by four hours.
15. When I saw her she was ~~laying~~ <sup>laying</sup> on the bed.
16. Tomorrow at this time, we will ~~watch~~ <sup>be watching</sup> a movie.
17. By the end of the month, he will ~~save~~ <sup>have saved</sup> enough money to purchase a laptop for himself.
18. He does everything he ~~could~~ <sup>can</sup> to show us that he is sincere in his attempts.
19. He ~~is~~ <sup>has been</sup> in hospital since his accident.
20. We ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> reached the auditorium before the programme had started.
21. Lions will live in dens.
22. If I am you, I would stop talking to her.
23. He has refused to meet me yesterday.
24. Anyone with the most base knowledge of science knows the difference between astrology and astronomy.
25. This hotel is cheaper than all hotels in the town.
26. The French, old, beautiful painting was placed inside a black, metal, small box.
27. They rejected his application because he was not enough experienced for the job.
28. A little is known about the author of this book.
29. There are lesser tourists visiting this place in recent years.
30. This chocolate tastes a bit strangely.

31. We studied in the same college and he was senior than me by two years.

32. She looks cuter than beautiful.

33. More questions I answer, I get more marks.

34. Her dance postures are more unique and more perfect.

35. He said that the incident had occurred prior than his arrival.

36. The three last pages of this book are missing.

37. I felt much more better after taking the medicine.

38. My sister is older to me by six years.

39. She seldom or ever comes to office on time.

40. It is funnier to go out with your friends than with your parents.

**Directions for questions 41 to 50:** Identify the underlined part that has an error (of grammar usage, word choice or idiom) as your answer. No sentence has more than one error.

41. I am sure that your next book will be so good as  
(1) (2) (3)  
your last one.  
(4)

42. To accompany him on the tour was the worse  
(1) (2) (3)  
experience I have ever had in my life.  
(4)

43. Raghunath is more polite, but not so kind hearted  
(1) (2)  
as the sarpanch of the village.  
(3) (4)

44. In spite of people's protest, the government decided to  
(1) (2)  
rise the price of a movie-ticket by ₹10.  
(3) (4)

45. The continental dishes tasted so well that the diners  
(1) (2)  
partook more of them.  
(3) (4)

46. The new recruit carried information to the chief's  
(1) (2)  
chamber that was far more crucial than the seniors.  
(3) (4)

47. If the dignitaries had not laid quietly under the tables  
(1) (2)  
as they had been instructed to, they would have become  
(3) (4)  
victims of the terror strike.

48. If the general would not have written against the  
(1) (2) (3)  
government, he would not have been sacked.  
(4)

49. In the aftermath of the 2008 US financial crisis,  
(1) (2)  
global trade in goods and services has fallen 15  
(3)  
percent over the final two quarters of 2008 and the  
first quarter of 2009.  
(4)

50. If the present government does not mind spending  
(1)  
lakhs of crores on corruption-promoting schemes  
such as the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural  
(2)  
Employment Guarantee Scheme, why did it hesitate  
(3)  
to spend a mere ₹18,000 crore?  
(4)