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#### I. Replace the underlined word using Standard English Usage.

1. Stop writing! Time is over.  
a. Done                      b. Come to an end                      c. Up                      d. Exhausted
2. I don't like her. Even I don't like her.  
a. Nor do I                      b. Neither do they                      c. No one likes her                      d. None of the above.
3. The manager has sent out emails, enquiring about the statistics, kindly revert back.  
a. Get back soon                      b. Reply soon                      c. Please reply                      d. Respond back
4. 'Stop watching television! You have to give an exam tomorrow.'  
a. Borrow an exam                      b. Take an exam                      c. Prepare                      d. Memorize
5. The kids are feeling hungry! Why don't you stop at some hotel?  
a. Inn                      b. Motel                      c. Restaurant                      d. Diner
6. John wanted to apply for leave because his wife is carrying.  
a. Pregnant                      b. Sick                      c. Distressed                      d. Livid
7. I watched the 'Avengers Endgame' movie yesterday evening.  
a. Fortnight                      b. Last evening                      c. Midnight                      d. Early Morning
8. 'I have delivered the lesson to the child; now I'll revise it.'  
a. Given a lesson                      b. Spoke a lesson                      c. Read a lesson                      d. Mastered a lesson
9. Please do come to my brother's marriage.  
a. Wedding                      b. Divorce                      c. Celebrations                      d. Ceremony
10. 'I'll give you a tight slap on you cheek, if you say that again.'  
a. Punch                      b. Fist bump                      c. Hard Slap                      d. Head Butt

**II. Choose the correct preposition in the following sentences.**

11. Don't you know \_\_\_\_\_ holidays all schools remain closed?  
a. When      b. During      c. Since      d. Between
12. The Williams family lives \_\_\_\_\_ 242, Circular Road, Dehradun.  
a. In      b. On      c. At      d. Under
13. All forms need to be submitted \_\_\_\_\_ 30 December, 2016.  
a. Within      b. On      c. At      d. By
14. Unfortunately, he got involved \_\_\_\_\_ some controversy which led to this crisis.  
a. In      b. Into      c. On      d. With
15. Though whatever happened was unavoidable, we are sorry \_\_\_\_\_ the inconvenience it may have caused you.  
a. For      b. From      c. With      d. By

**III. Choose the appropriate standardized phrase from the following questions.**

16. a. Chair's legs are broken.      b. The chair's legs are broken.  
c. The legs of the chair are broken.      d. Legs of chair are broken.
17. a. Either of the two sisters are at fault.      b. Either of the two sisters is at fault.  
c. Either of the two sister are at fault.      d. Either of the two sister is at fault.
18. a. The star and orator have arrived.      b. The star and the orator have arrived.  
c. The star and orator have been arrived.      d. Star and orator have arrived.
19. a. Neither he nor his secretary were present.      b. Neither he nor his secretaries was present  
c. Neither his secretary not he were present.      d. Neither he nor his secretary was present.
20. a. I am loving it.      b. I am in love with it.      c. I love it      d. I have loved it.

**IV. Complete the analogous pair for the following words.**

21. Liquid : : Freeze : Solid : :  
a. Ice      b. Snow      c. Melt      d. Blizzard
22. Write : : Stammer : Speak : :  
a. Walk      b. Play      c. Scribble      d. Dance
23. Gambling : ? : Worship : : Temple  
a. Gambler      b. Club      c. Casino      d. Hymn
24. Earth : : Planet : Moon : : ?  
a. Galaxy      b. Satellite      c. Solar System      d. Asteroid

25. Car : Garage : : Ship : ?

- a. Port                      b. Harbour                      c. Airport                      d. Hangar

**V. Select the pair out of the given options which has the same relationship.**

26. Thespian : Play

- a. Camera : Photography                      b. Hawker : Shopping  
c. Mason : Repair                      d. Diva : Opera

27. Grief : Consolation

- a. Peace : War                      b. Pain : Sedative                      c. Accident : Hurt                      d. Comfort : Chaos

28. Tongue : Sound

- a. Eyes : Blind                      b. Violin : Vibration                      c. Vegetable : Taste                      d. Deaf : Ears

29. Successor : Predecessor

- a. First : Second                      b. Big : Small                      c. Former : Later                      d. After : Before

30. Mundane : Spiritual

- a. Worldly : Godly                      b. Dreadful : Ghastly                      c. Business : Strategy                      d. Fog : Unclear

**VI. Choose the expressions that collocate naturally with each other.**

31. Let me take a \_\_\_\_\_ look at the report and only then can I comment on it.

- a. Quick                      b. Fast                      c. Closer                      d. Thorough

32. The candidate failed to leave a positive \_\_\_\_\_ on the interview board.

- a. Impact                      b. Expression                      c. Impression                      d. Effect

33. Since the matter is long overdue, we look forward to a \_\_\_\_\_ reply.

- a. Narrow                      b. Advanced                      c. Fast                      d. Prompt

34. The poet's \_\_\_\_\_ imagination is distinctly visible in his latest collection.

- a. Weird                      b. Sarcastic                      c. Concrete                      d. Vivid

35. Political leaders often talk about \_\_\_\_\_ poverty from the country in their speeches.

- a. Instilling                      b. Improving                      c. Finishing                      d. Eradicating

**VII. Read the paragraph and answer the following questions.**

**Spider Webs**

All spiders spin webs. That's because webs help spiders. Webs help spiders do three things. Webs help spiders hold eggs. Webs help spiders hide. And webs help spiders catch food. Webs help spiders hold eggs. Many spiders like to lay their eggs in their webs. The webs help keep the eggs together. Webs help spiders keep their eggs safe. Webs help spiders hide. Most spiders are dark. They are brown, grey, or black. But spider webs are light. They are white and cloudy.



When spiders hide in their webs, they are harder to see. Webs help spiders catch food. Spider webs are sticky. When a bug flies into the web, it gets stuck. It moves around. It tries to get out. But it can't. It is trapped! Spiders can tell that the bug is trapped. That's because spiders feel the web move. And the spider is hungry. The spider goes to get the bug. As you can see, webs help spiders hold eggs. Webs help spiders hide. And webs help spiders catch food. Without webs, spiders would not be able to live like they do. Spiders need their webs to survive.

36. This passage is mostly about  
 a. Spider colors      b. Spider webs      c. Spider eggs      d. Spider nature

37. Spider webs help spiders  
 I. Hold eggs      II. Catch food      III. Find water      IV. Sleep well  
 a. I only      b. I and II only      c. I, II, and III      d. I and IV

38. As used in paragraph, the word trapped most nearly means  
 a. stuck      b. hidden      c. eaten      d. Dead

39. How can spiders tell when something is trapped in their web?  
 a. They hear it.      b. They smell it.      c. They feel it.      d. They sense it.

40. As used in the last sentence of the passage, the word survive means to stay  
 a. alive      b. hidden      c. caught      d. meditate

### VIII. Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

41. Which of the following sentences is correct?

- a. Having jumped up, the cat pounced.
- b. The cat pounced when the mouse jumped up.
- c. Having jumped up, the cat pounced the mouse.
- d. Having up jumped the cat, the mouse pounced.

42. Which of the following sentences do not contain a misplaced modifier?

- a. Dyed purple, Bella enjoys the blanket.
- b. Pulled apart, Chris ate the kettle corn bag.
- c. Jumping up, the kitten caught the treat.
- d. Eating the kettle corn, the bag crunched.

43. Which option most logically completes the sentence? Have driven around the block,

- a. Notebook crashed.      b. Lance crashes the car.
- c. The feather crashed the car.      d. The tree began to sway.

44. Which sentence contains a misplaced modifier?

- a. While eating a croissant, Josh waved to the crowd.
- b. Covered in fluffiness, the couple played with the kitten.
- c. Having eaten lunch, the girl turned on the laptop.
- d. While playing, Lancaster jumped on the feathers.

45. What kind of modifier is the following sentence – On her way home, Jan found a Gold man's watch.

- a. Dangling                      b. Misplaced                      c. Squinting                      d. Limiting

**IX. Convert the following sentences from active to passive voice.**

46. He teaches English. / English ..... by him.

- a. Taught                      b. Is taught                      c. Was taught                      d. Will be taught

47. The child is eating bananas. / Bananas ..... by the child.

- a. Are eaten                      b. Are being eaten                      c. Have been eaten                      d. Will be eaten

48. She is writing a letter. / A letter ..... by her.

- a. Is written                      b. Is being written                      c. Has been written                      d. Had been written

49. The master punished the servant. / The servant ..... by the master.

- a. Is punished                      b. Was punished                      c. Has punished                      d. Had punished

50. He was writing a book. / A book ..... by him.

- a. Was written                      b. Had written                      c. Was being written                      d. Will be written

**X. Cloze Test: - Fill the blanks in the passage with correct options.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (51) \_\_\_\_\_ we have well and truly stepped into 21<sup>st</sup> century, we hardly seem to have grown scientific in our temper. \_\_\_\_\_ (52) \_\_\_\_\_ there is development, education and awareness on one hand, there is poverty, superstition and ignorance on the other. \_\_\_\_\_ (53) \_\_\_\_\_, the so called education we get, fails to lift the veil of darkness that mostly keeps our vision clouded. \_\_\_\_\_ (54) \_\_\_\_\_ it is too optimistic to believe just by living in an age of science and technology, we have developed scientific attitude towards things. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ (55) \_\_\_\_\_ to the situation and proceed towards a better future.

51. (a) When                      (b) As                      (c) Even as                      (d) Even though

52. (a) If                      (b) Since                      (c) As well as                      (d) Moreover

53. (a) Therefore                      (b) Moreover                      (c) Whereas                      (d) Although

54. (a) So                      (b) Therefore                      (c) In fact                      (d) While

55. (a) Adopt                      (b) Involve                      (c) Borrow                      (d) Adapt

I am quite sure of making an impact on my listeners, \_\_\_\_\_ (56) \_\_\_\_\_ ? You know, everyone loves listening to some appreciation, \_\_\_\_\_ (57) \_\_\_\_\_ ? This is what I am going to try, I am going to appreciate each of my team members for whatever contributions they have made. After all, human beings don't like being looked down upon, \_\_\_\_\_ (58) \_\_\_\_\_ ? So I'll never criticize them and would just try to please them with my words. Therefore, please let me speak, \_\_\_\_\_ (59) \_\_\_\_\_ ? Pay attention to whatever I'm about to say, because \_\_\_\_\_ (60) \_\_\_\_\_ be in a mood to repeat myself over and over again.

56. (a) am I                      (b) isn't it                      (c) aren't I                      (d) isn't me

57. (a) do they (b) doesn't he (c) doesn't she (d) don't they
58. (a) do they (b) don't they (c) isn't it (d) isn't that
59. (a) may I (b) will you (c) shall I (d) can you
60. (a) I would (b) I like to (c) I wouldn't (d) I don't know

### **XI. Answer the questions based on Idioms and Phrases.**

61. What do you mean by 'At one's wit's end?'  
a. Perplexed b. Clear Up c. Explain d. Enlighten
62. What do you mean by 'At one's fingertips?'  
a. To take revenge b. Matter of shame c. Complete knowledge d. None of above
63. What do you mean by 'At the spur of the moment?'  
a. Difficult Moment b. Without Delay c. Great Moment d. Very Slow
64. What do you mean by 'Blow one's trumpet?'  
a. To praise other b. To praise leader c. To praise own self d. To praise community
65. What do you mean by 'Cry over spilt milk?'  
a. Approve b. Be happy c. Praise d. Repent

### **XII. Punctuate the following sentences.**

66. Which of this is not a punctuation mark?  
a. Full stop b. Comma c. Colon d. Hash tag
67. The full stop is used at the end of an indirect question.  
a. True b. False c. Doesn't Say d. Not Applicable
68. The comma is used after a word used to address a person.  
a. True b. False c. Doesn't Say d. Not Applicable
69. Which of these is used after a noun phrase that begins or ends a sentence?  
a. Colon b. Comma c. Full stop d. Question mark
70. Which of these is used to separate short co-ordinate clauses of a compound sentence?  
a. Semicolon b. Comma c. Full stop d. Colon

### **XIII. Spelling Correction.**

71. Choose the correct spelt word out of the given alternatives.  
a. Itinaray b. Itinarery c. Itinarery d. Itinerary
72. Choose the correct spelt word out of the given alternatives.  
a. Gaurante b. Guarunttee c. Garunttee d. Guarantee
73. Choose the correct spelt word out of the given alternatives.



- a. Forecaust      b. Forecast      c. Forecaste      d. Forecast
74. Choose the correct spelt word out of the given alternatives.  
a. Fabullous      b. Fablous      c. Fabuleous      d. Fabulous
75. Choose the correct spelt word out of the given alternatives.  
a. Overlapped      b. Overleped      c. Overelaped      d. Overlaped

**XIV. Identify the following with a one word substitution.**

76. The plants and vegetation of a certain region.  
a. Flora      b. Fauna      c. Forest      d. Vegetation
77. The art of beautiful handwriting.  
a. Painter      b. Calligraphy      c. Paleography      d. Draftsman
78. One whose wife is dead.  
a. Widow      b. Celibate      c. Widower      d. Divorcee
79. A thing kept in the memory of a person.  
a. Gift      b. Elegy      c. Memento      d. Epitaph
80. One who is an expert in judging art, music, etc.  
a. Artist      b. Expert      c. Musician      d. Connoisseur

**XV. Read the following and rearrange the following sentence.**

81. As lightning accompanies thunder  
(P) was mingled with      (Q) so in my character  
(R) the mutterings of my wrath      (S) a flash of humour  
a. QSPR      b. PRSQ      c. QPRS      d. QRPS
82. The Indian woman wants ,  
(P) in a male dominated society      (Q) as an equal partner  
(R) and it is not too much to demand      (S) her rightful place  
a. RSQP      b. QPSR      c. SQPR      d. SRPQ
83. I read an advertisement that said  
(P) posh, air conditioned      (Q) gentlemen of taste  
(R) are available for      (S) fully furnished rooms  
a. PSRQ      b. SRPQ      c. PSQR      d. PQRS
84. Towards midnight  
(P) so that the sky was lighted with      (Q) and the clouds drifted away  
(R) the rain ceased      (S) the incredible lamp of stars  
a. SPQR      b. SQPR      c. RPQS      d. RQPS
85. They are plant eaters  
(P) and various kinds of vegetation      (Q) browsing on grass  
(R) and consume      (S) vast quantities of pasture  
a. RSQP      b. QSRP      c. QPRS      d. RSPQ

## **XVI. Answer the following questions based on email writing.**

86. Email content should ideally be presented as-  
a. Bullet points    b. Text and pictures    c. One long paragraph    d. Story format
87. Most effective way of closing an email is-  
a. With a proverb    b. With a clear action    c. With a social message    d. Repeating the subject
88. How should the subject line be-  
a. Long and descriptive    b. A greeting    c. Does not matter    d. Short and precise
89. SMS language ( dey, u, tmrw) in email should be-  
a. Should not be used    b. Used with selected few clients  
c. Can be used sometimes.    d. Used while writing to juniors
90. Important points/words can be-  
a. Mentioned repeatedly for impact    b. Need not be highlighted  
c. Highlighted with multiple colours    d. Highlighted in bold/underlined

## **XVII. Answer the question based on letter writing.**

91. Business letters produce immediate effect because they are:  
a. Brief    b. Formal    c. Informal    d. Interesting
92. Letters that please the receiver are called:  
a. Invitation letters    b. Routine letters    c. "Yes" letters    d. Good-news letters
93. The purpose of a "no" response letter is to leave the reader with:  
a. Unpleasant feelings    b. No future hope  
c. Reasons for the rejection of the request    d. Minimum disappointment
94. Form letters are also known as:  
a. Bad news letter's    b. Persuasive sales letters    c. Circular letters    d. Formal letters
95. A memorandum (memo) is considered a brief form of written communication for:  
a. Internal use    b. Legal use    c. Formal use    d. External use
96. Simplicity in writing means essentially:  
a. The use of simple words    b. Plainness  
c. The use of simple sentences    d. The use of simple tense
97. Writing a letter with "you-attitude" means writing:  
a. Using the word "you" repeatedly    b. From the point of view of the reader  
c. From the point of view of the writer    d. From the point of view of other persons
98. Good business letters are characterized by the following personal quality of the writer:  
a. Humour    b. Seriousness    c. Sincerity    d. Formality
99. The simplified style business letter has:  
a. Indentation    b. a subject line    c. a salutation    d. a complimentary close
100. Modern business letters are usually written in:  
a. Indented style    b. Simplified style    c. Full-block style    d. Semi-block style