

ASSIGNMENT-I

1. His life consists of of drinking punctuated by periods of drunken sleep.
(a) barrels (b) bouts
(c) bowls (d) pints
2. When the morning the murder was discovered.
(a) occurred (b) came
(c) arrived (d) happened
3. He lives in the world of
(a) allusions (b) illusions
(c) conclusions (d) delusions
4. There was a serious between the two brothers.
(a) alteration (b) alteration
(c) altercation (d) aberration
5. He lost the match easily because he had played a five set match in the earlier round.
(a) sensational (b) gruelling
(c) wonderful (d) controversial

DIRECTIONS for Q. 6 to 10 : In the following question, choose the expression which is an improvement upon the italicised part. If none of the three expressions improves the sentence, then your answer is (d).

6. Eve-teasing is not only a moral offence **but** a crime punishable under law.
(a) as also a
(b) as well as a
(c) but also a
(d) No improvement
7. The detectives followed **on** several clues but failed to find the murderer.
(a) through (b) up
(c) by (d) No improvement
8. He stopped **to work** an hour ago.
(a) to working (b) to have worked
(c) working (d) No improvement
9. The summer has **set out**, and the days are getting warm.
(a) set off (b) set in
(c) set up (d) No improvement
10. It **was a week** since the exams began.
(a) It is a week (b) It has been a week
(c) It had been a week (d) No improvement

DIRECTIONS for Q. 11 to 13 : In these questions, choose the word from the four alternatives (a), (b), (c), and (d) which has the correct spellings.

11.
(a) detergent (b) datergent
(c) ditergent (d) detargent

12.
(a) commitee (b) committee
(c) committe (d) commatte
13.
(a) examination (b) examnation
(c) examinition (d) examimation

DIRECTIONS for Q. 14 & 15 : In the following question, choose the word nearest in meaning to the italicised part.

14. He has travelled all over the continent by **hitchhiking** most the time.
(a) free ride (b) ride
(c) drive (d) drive freely
15. It is **futile** to argue with a person who does not want to understand.
(a) unnecessary (b) useless
(c) dangerous (d) infuriating

DIRECTIONS for Q. 16 to 20 : Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

16. My mother upset the kettle of boiling water and her right hand badly.
(a) wounded (b) sizzled
(c) scorched (d) scalded
17. Please do not an offer made by the Chairman.
(a) refrain (b) refute
(c) refuse (d) refuge
18. The government is confident that the standard of living will begin to again soon.
(a) revive (b) lift
(c) flourish (d) rise
19. Sharing heavy responsibilities with colleagues does not involve loss of prestige, or of the authority of an institute's Head.
(a) deterioration (b) decrease
(c) diminution (d) loss
20. The problem of proliferation of nuclear arms is never going to be solved unless the two super powers agree to
(a) a solution (b) understand each other
(c) sit together (d) meet half-way

Answer Sheet (Assignment-I)

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| 1. (b) | 2. (c) | 3. (b) | 4. (c) | 5. (b) | 6. (c) | 7. (b) | 8. (c) | 9. (b) | 10. (a) |
| 11. (a) | 12. (b) | 13. (a) | 14. (a) | 15. (b) | 16. (c) | 17. (c) | 18. (b) | 19. (c) | 20. (b) |

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