

## ASSIGNMENT-V

**Directions for Qns. 1 :** The sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. If you are trying to make a strong impression on you audience, you cannot do so by being understand tentative, or .....
- hyperbolic
  - restrained
  - argumentative
  - authoritative

**Directions for Qns. 2 to Qns. 5 :** The passage in this group is followed by questions based on its content. After reading the passage, choose the best answer to each question. Answer all questions following a passage on the basis of what is stated or implied in this passage.

Both plants and animals of many sorts show remarkable changes in form, structure, growth habits, and even mode of reproduction in becoming adapted to different climatic environment, types of food supply, or mode of living. This divergence in respons to evolution is commonly expressed by alternating the form and function of some part or parts of the organism, the original identity of which is clearly discernible. For example, the creeping foot of the snail is seen in related marine pteropods to bemodified into a flapping organ useful for swimming, and is changed into prehensite arms that bear sucktorial disks in the squids and other cephalopods. The limbs of various mammals are modified according to several different modes of life-for swift running (cursorial) as in the horse and antelope, for swinging in trees (arboreal) as in the monkeys, for digging (fossorial) as in the moles and gophers, for flying (volant) as in the bats, for swimming (aquatic) as in the seals, whales and dolphins, and for other adaptations. The structures or organs that show main change in connection with this adaptive divergence are commonly identified readily as homologous, in spite of great alternations. Thus, the finger and wristbones of a bat and whale, for instance, have virtually nothing in common except that they are definitely equivalent elements of the mammalian limb.

2. Which of the following is the most appropriate title for the passage, based on its content ?
- Adaptive Divergence
  - Evolution
  - Unusual structures
  - Change in organs
3. The author provides information that would answer which of the following questions ?
- What factors cause change in organisms?
  - What is the theory of evolution ?
  - How are horses' legs related to seals' flippers ?
- I only

- II only
- I and II only
- I and III only

4. Which of the following words could best be substituted for "homologous" without substantially changing the author's meaning?
- altered
  - mammalian
  - corresponding
  - divergent
5. The author's style can best be described as :
- humorous
  - objective
  - patronizing
  - esoteric

**Directions for Qns. 6 & Qns. 8 :** Choose the lettered word or phrase that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.

6. DISSOLUTION
- retribution
  - compliance
  - futility
  - establishment
7. PREVARICATE
- postulate
  - emphasize
  - support in theory
  - state truthfully
8. DIFFIDENCE
- sharpness
  - boldness
  - malcontent
  - dialogue

**Directions for Qns. 109 & qns.110 :** Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

9. I warned him ..... the danger.
- from
  - for
  - about
  - of
10. This pen differs ..... that.
- to
  - of
  - from
  - in

**Directions for Qns. 11 & Qns. 12:** Fill in the blanks with A, An or The as may be suitable :

11. He is ..... European, but his wife is ..... Indian.
- the, an
  - an, an
  - a, an
  - the, the
12. There is ..... hotel in ..... centre of ..... town.
- a, the, the
  - an, a, the
  - a, the, a
  - a, the, an

**Directions for Qns. 113 & Qns.114:** Choose the right verbs to complete the sentence :

13. Columbus ..... america
- invented
  - discovered
  - explored
  - invent
14. They ..... the pictures on the wall.
- hung
  - swung
  - swing
  - hanged

**Directions for Qns.15:** Provide onw word for the group of words.

15. All agrees to same thing :  
(a) popular (b) majority  
(c) unanimous (d) Amicable
16. Select the set of words that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole. While the disease is in ..... state it is almost impossible to determine its existence by .....  
(a) a dormant, postulate  
(b) a critical, examination  
(c) a cute, analysis  
(d) a latent, observation
17. For the word "QUIBBLE" find the most appropriate meaning from the alternatives given below  
(a) Agreement (b) Appreciation  
(c) Creation (d) Complain
18. If some one is "gung ho", then he / she is  
(a) stupid (b) childish  
(c) enthusiastic (d) loud
19. Find the antonym of the word "DISPARAGE".  
(a) degrade (b) improve (c) scatter (d) applaud
20. Fill in the blank  
I could not ..... him to attend the meeting.  
(a) prevail over (b) prevail upon  
(c) prevail about (d) prevail in

## Answer Sheet (Assignment-V)

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

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