

PREPOSITIONS**Exercise – 1**

Fill blanks with suitable Prepositions:

1. The dog ran ____ the road.
2. The river flows ____ the bridge.
3. The work was done ____ haste.
4. He is afraid ____ the dog.
5. I am fond ____ music.
6. He goes ____ Sunday ____ the church.
7. He died ____ his country.
8. The steam-engine was invented _____ James Watt.
9. The burglar jumped _____ the compound wall.
10. The village was destroyed ____ fire.
11. What is that ____ me?
12. It cannot be done _____ offence.
13. He spoke _____ me ____ Urdu.
14. They live ____ the same root.
15. I have not seen him ____ Wednesday last.
16. I have known him ____ a long time.
17. The moon does not shine ____ its own light.
18. This is a matter ____ little importance.
19. I am tired _____ walking.
20. He has not yet recovered ____ his illness.
21. I shall do it ____ pleasure.
22. God is good ____ me.
23. I will sit _____ my desk to do my lesson.
24. I am sorry ____ what I have done.
25. O God ! Keep me _____ sin.
26. I bought it ____ a rupee.
27. He broke the jug ____ a hundred pieces.
28. It has been raining _____ yesterday.
29. I have been working hard ____ arithmetic.
30. We suffered _____ your neglect.
31. The exercise was written ____ me ____ a Swan pen.
32. "Will you walk _____ my parlour?" said the spider ____ the fly.

33. It is ten o'clock _____ my watch.
34. There is nothing new _____ the sun.
35. Do not cry _____ spilt milk.

Exercise – 2

Fill in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions:

1. He was born ____ a small village ____ Malabar.
2. He started ____ six ____ the morning.
3. He Hanged himself ____ a piece of cloth.
4. The portrait was painted _____ a famous artist who flourished _____ the sixteenth century.
5. I must start _____ dawn to reach the station in time.
6. I hope to reach the station ____ an hour at the outside.
7. The child has been missing ____ yesterday.
8. The caravan must reach its destination _____ sunset.
9. The mail train is due ____ 3 P.M.
10. He travelled seven miles _____ tow hours.
11. He rushed _____ my room, panting for breath.
12. He does not leave his house ____ 9 o'clock.
13. The Express departs _____ 3 P.M. _____ Delhi.
14. Human sacrifices were practised _____ the Nagas.
15. I received his message _____ eight o'clock ____ the morning.
16. _____ last month I have seen him but once.
17. _____ rice they had curry.
18. The fever has taken a turn for the better _____ yesterday.
19. He has spent his life ____ Calcutta.
20. I saw him felling a big tree ____ a hatcher.
21. Come and sit ____ me.
22. Nobody ____ you know the truth.
23. While I was _____ Delhi he was _____ Bombay.
24. He was killed ____ the robber ____ a hatchet.
25. We shall stay three months ____ America.

Exercise – 3

Fill in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions:

1. The mayor subscribed a handsome sum ____ the Flood Relief fund.
2. His friends condoled _____ him bereavement.
3. He quarrelled ____ me____ a trifle.
4. He readily complied ____ my request.
5. He dispensed ____ the services of his dishonest clerk.
6. He yielded ____ superior force.
7. He despaired ____ success.
8. He supplies the poor ____ clothing.
9. His friends disagreed ____ him on that point.
10. He acceded ____ my request.
11. He abstains ____ liquor.
12. He was found guilty ____ manslaughter.
13. He is incapable ____ doing good work.
14. He is married ____ my cousin.
15. He is sensible ____ your kindness.
16. He is true ____ his king.
17. He is involved ____ difficulties.
18. The auditor is entitled ____ his remuneration.
19. I prefer tea ____ coffee.
20. I don't concur ____ you ____ that opinion.
21. There is no exception ____ this rule.
22. I am obliged ____ you ____ your kindness.
23. I am not envious ____ his success.
24. I am convinced ____ the necessity of prudence.
25. We should rely ____ our own efforts.
26. I inquired ____ the servant if his master was at home.
27. I purposely refrained ____ saying more.
28. I insisted ____ going.
29. I exchanged ____ him my gramophone ____ a camera.
30. I assented ____ his proposal.
31. I am not satisfied ____ your explanation.
32. You must conform ____ the regulations.

33. He did not profit ____ experiences.
34. We should all aim ____ excellence.
35. Alcohol is injurious ____ health.
36. He is innocent ____ the crime.
37. The stories in that book are full ____ interest.
38. Don't associate ____ disreputable people.
39. Do not indulge ____ strong language.
40. He is grateful ____ his master ____ many favours.
41. He is dependent ____ his parents.
42. He is abstemious ____ eating and drinking.
43. He is prompt ____ carrying out orders.
44. He is vain ____ his attainments.
45. He is deficient ____ common sense.
46. He is vexed ____ me.
47. He is indifferent ____ his own interest.
48. He is proficient ____ mathematics.
49. He is not ashamed ____ his neighbours.
50. He is devoid ____ sense.
51. He is suspicious ____ all his neighbours.
52. He has a passion ____ arguing.
53. Recently there has been a reduction ____ the price of milk.
54. He proved false ____ his friend.
55. A square may be equivalent ____ a triangle.
56. The avaricious man is greedy ____ gain.
57. He is very different ____ his brother.
58. The head-dress of the Cossacks is similar ____ that of the ancient Persians.
59. He was born ____ humble parents in Nasik.
60. His views do not accord ____ mine.

Exercise – 4

Fill in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions:

1. Temperance and employment are conducive ____ health.
2. A policeman rescued the child ____ danger.
3. Dogs have antipathy ____ cats.
4. He promised not to do anything repugnant ____ the wishes of his parents.

5. He is not the man to allow anyone to encroach ____ his rights.
6. Some of the members of the Assembly complained _____ increased military expenditure.
7. Even the enemies admit that he is endowed ____ rare talents.
8. He inspires respect ____ his friends.
9. Our path is beset ____ difficulties.
10. He was not able to give as satisfactory explanation _____ his absence.
11. His illness is a mere pretext _____ his absence.
12. He has been very much indulgent _____ his children.
13. This discussion is hardly relevant _____ the subject.
14. Contentment is essential _____ happiness.
15. Early rising is beneficial _____ health.
16. He is not likely to do anything detrimental _____ our interests.
17. His benefactions must redound _____ his credit.
18. Only graduates are eligible _____ the post.
19. He is capable as a leader, but intolerant _____ opposition.
20. Boys over sixteen are debarred _____ competing.
21. Father Damien consecrated his life _____ ameliorating the lot of lepers.
22. That rule is not applicable _____ your case.
23. A public man should be tolerant _____ criticism.
24. He is willing to make a concession _____ the demands of his employees.
25. I often find him absorbed _____ thought.
26. The accommodation is adequate _____ our needs.
27. The hotel is adjacent _____ the station.
28. The authorship of the book is wrongly ascribed _____ him.
29. Never do anything that is not compatible _____ public safety.
30. His father often connives _____ his follies.
31. Some public men are very sensitive _____ criticism.
32. He is addicted _____ gambling.
33. You need not be afraid _____ being late.
34. Death is preferable _____ disgrace.
35. Cats are tenacious _____ life.
36. It is not true that the study of science tends _____ atheism.
37. Some films are an incitement _____ crime.
38. He was angry _____ me, because he thought my remark was aimed _____ him.

39. The climate of Rangoon does not agree _____ him.
40. His plans are adverse _____ my interests.
41. The question of unemployment bristles _____ difficulties.
42. Although he was bred _____ the law, he became a successful journalist.
43. Generally, the rich are more covetous _____ money than the poor.
44. He is still smarting _____ rebuke.
45. He scoffed _____ the idea of revolution.
46. He has reverted _____ his former post.
47. The battle resulted _____ a victory for the Allies.
48. He restored the article _____ its rightful owner.
49. The whole theory rests _____ no firmer foundation than mere conjecture.
50. The ultimate decision rests _____ the board of directors.
51. Only when persuasions failed the police resorted _____ force.
52. Superstitious fears preyed _____ his mind and made him miserable.
53. He piques himself _____ his artistic taste.
54. They now jeered _____ him whom they had once acclaimed as their hero.
55. His followers now began to intrigue _____ his adversary.
56. She interceded _____ her husband on behalf of the people,
57. It is not easy to infer _____ his account the real state of affairs.
58. He died without imparting _____ anyone the secret of his process.
59. His statement was tantamount _____ a confession.
60. The facts point _____ a different explanation.

Exercise – 5

Fill in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions: -

1. Silkworms feed _____ mulberry trees.
2. Pavlova excels _____ dancing.
3. The wild boar abounds _____ some parts of Europe.
4. He has no special liking _____ mathematics.
5. Asoka is worthy _____ remembrance.
6. The godown is infested _____ rats.
7. There is no exception _____ this rule.
8. Nothing conduces _____ happiness so much as contentment.
9. Alcohol is injurious _____ health.
10. Oil is good _____ burns.

11. Invalids are not capable _____ continued exertion.
12. The British Parliament is composed _____ two Houses.
13. Do no confide your secrets _____ every one.
14. He is abstemious _____ his habits.
15. He is ignorant _____ what he pretends to know.
16. My brother is weak _____ -- mathematics.
17. He has conceived an aversion _____ --all kinds of profitable labour.
18. Birbal is celebrated _____ his witty sayings.
19. The avaricious man is greedy _____ gain.
20. The Atlantic separates Europe _____ America.
21. Adam assigned _____ every creature a name peculiar _____ its nature.
22. Temperance and employment are conducive _____ health.
23. A brave boy rescued the child _____ danger.
24. Industry is the key _____ success.
25. The customs were searching _____ drugs at the airport.
26. Elizabeth knew how to inspire her soldiers _____ hope.
27. Long indulgence _____ vice impaired his once robust constitution,
28. Early rising is beneficial _____ health.
29. We should live in a style suited _____ our condition.
30. Examinations act as an incentive _____ diligence.
31. Hard work and perseverance are indispensable _____ success in life.
32. He is too miserly to part _____ his money.
33. He is a clever man, but unfortunately diffident _____ his powers.
34. Suddenly we were enveloped _____ dense fog.
35. Many aspire _____ greatness, but few attained.
36. His income is not adequate _____ his wants.
37. The soil of Pune is favourable _____ roses,
38. I am sick _____ the whole business.
39. A car will be a great convenience _____ a busy man like him.
40. Whoever acts contrary _____ nature does not go unpunished.
41. The accident resulted _____ the death of five people.
42. These derelict houses are reproach _____ the city.
43. The Germans were called baby-killers and their methods of warfare stigmatized as a reproach _____ civilization.
44. The mule was partially relieved _____ the load,

45. America has raised a tariff wall to protect home industries _____ foreign competition.
46. The facts point _____ a different conclusion.
47. Your wish is tantamount _____ a command.
48. This state is committed _____ the policy of total prohibition.
49. One is sure _____ what one sees.
50. He is indifferent alike _____ praise and blame.

PREPOSITIONS KEY

Exercise – 1

1. Along	2. Under	3. In	4. Of
5. Of	6. On, to	7. For	8. By
9. Over	10. By	11. To	12. Without
13. To, in	14. Under	15. Since	16. For
17. By	18. Of	19. Of	20. From
21. With	22. To	23. At	24. For
25. From/of	26. For	27. Into	28. Since
29. At	30. From	31. By, with	32. Into, to
33. By	34. Under	35. Over	

Exercise – 2

1. In, at	2. At, in	3. With	4. By, in
5. At	6. In	7. Since	8. By/before
9. At	10. In	11. Into	12. Before
13. At, from	14. By	15. At, in	16. Since
17. Besides	18. Since	19. In	20. With
21. By/beside	22. But/except	23. In, in	24. By, with
25. In			

Exercise – 3

1. To	2. With, in	3. With, over	4. With
5. With	6. To	7. Of	8. With
9. With	10. To	11. From	12. Of
13. Of	14. To	15. Of	16. To
17. In	18. To	19. To	20. With, in
21. To	22. To, far	23. Of	24. Of
25. On	26. Of	27. From	28. On
29. With,	30. To	31. With	32. To

	for			
33. By	34. At	35. To	36. Of	
37. Of	38. With	39. In	40. To, for	
41. On	42. In	43. In	44. Of	
45. In	46. With	47. To	48. In	
49. Of	50. Of	51. Of	52. For	
53. In	54. To	55. To	56. For	
57. From	58. To	59. Of/to	60. With.	

Exercise – 4

1. To	2. From	3. To	4. To
5. On	6. Of	7. With	8. In
9. With	10. For	11. For	12. To
13. To	14. To	15. To	16. To
17. To	18. For	19. Of	20. From
21. To	22. To	23. Of	24. To
25. In	26. To	27. To	28. To
29. With	30. At	31. To	32. To
33. Of	34. To	35. Of	36. To
37. To	38. With, at	39. With	40. To
41. With	42. For	43. Of	44. From /over
45. At	46. To	47. In	48. To
49. On	50. With	51. To	52. On
53. On	54. At	55. With	56. With
57. From	58. To	59. To	60. To

Exercise – 5

1. On	2. In	3. In	4. For
5. Of	6. With	7. To	8. To
9. To	10. For	11. Of	12. Of
13. To	14. In	15. Of	16. At/in
17. To	18. For	19. For	20. From

21. To, to	22. To	23. From	24. To
25. For	26. With	27. In	28. To
29. To	30. To	31. To	32. With
33. About	34. In	35. To	36. To
37. To	38. Of	39. To	40. To
41. In	42. To	43. To	44. Of
45. From/a gainst	46. To	47. To	48. To
49. Of	50. To	51.	52.