

## OLT -2

**Instructions (Q.1 to Q.7):** You are given **four options**. One of them improves the sentence by correcting **grammar, punctuation, word choice, or sentence structure**. Choose the option that best improves the sentence.

**1.** Sleight of hand, also known as prestidigitation or legerdemain, is a set of techniques used by a magician to manipulate objects such as cards and coins secretly. (**Infosys**)

A., also known as prestidigitation or legerdemain, is a set of techniques used by a magician to manipulate objects such as cards and coins

B., also known as prestidigitation or legerdemain, is a set of techniques used by a magician to manipulate objects such as cards and coins

C., also known to be prestidigitation or legerdemain, is a set of techniques used by a magician to manipulate objects like cards and coins

D., which is also known as prestidigitation or legerdemain, is a set of techniques used by a magician to manipulate objects such as cards and coins

**Answer – B**

**Hint:** “Sleight of hand” is singular → should use **is**, not **are**.

**2.** Contrary to popular belief, video games aren’t just for killing an idle Thursday evening; in fact, a variety of recent studies have begun to demonstrate their teaching potential. (**Cognigent**)

A. Video games aren’t just for killing an idle Thursday evening; in fact, a variety of recent studies have begun to demonstrate

B. Video games aren’t just for killing an idle Thursday evening, but a variety of recent studies have begun to demonstrate

C. Video games aren’t just for killing an idle Thursday evening; in fact, a variety of recent studies have begun to demonstrate

D. Video games aren’t just for killing an idle Thursday evening; in fact, a variety of recent studies have begun to demonstrate

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** A semicolon (;) is needed before “in fact”; the subject “studies” is plural → use **have**.

**3.** Preliminary analysis of information collected by a NASA science probe that passed by Comet Hartley 2 last week shows unmistakable correlations between jets of dust around the comet's body and carbon dioxide, also known as dry ice. (**Tech Mahindra**)

A. shows unmistakable correlations between jets of dust around the comet's body and carbon dioxide

B. show unmistakable correlations between jets of dust around the comet's body

C. shows unmistakable correlations among jets of dust around the comet's body and carbon dioxide

D. shows unmistakable correlations between jets of dust around the body of the comet, along with carbon dioxide

**Answer – A**

**Hint:** Singular noun “analysis” takes a singular verb; “between” is correct for two elements.

**4.** Among the 1,500 sources of gamma rays Fermi has mapped so far, nothing resembles the bubble-shaped structures that stretch across more than half of the visible sky from the constellation Virgo and the constellation Grus. (**Accenture**)

A. that stretches across more than half of the visible sky from the constellation Virgo and the constellation Grus.

B. That stretches across greater than half of the visible sky from the constellation Virgo to the constellation Grus.

C., which stretches across an area more than half of the visible sky from the constellation Virgo to the constellation Grus.

D., which stretches across more than half of the visible sky from the constellation Virgo to the constellation Grus.

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** Use the plural verb “stretch” with the plural subject “structures,” which starts a non-restrictive clause.

**5.** According to a new *Science* journal paper, the exquisite balance and near gravity-defying grace of cats extends to the way they drink. (Tech Mahindra)

A. The exquisite balance and near gravity-defying grace of cats extends to the way they drink

B. The exquisite balance and near gravity-defying grace of cats extend to the way they drink

C. The exquisite balance, as well as the near gravity-defying grace of cats, extends to the way they drink

D. The exquisite balance and near gravity-defying grace of cats extend to the way they drink

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** Compound subject → plural verb **extend**; “they drink” is appropriate for “cats”.

**6.** According to a new study that is the first to explain the physics of animal self-drying, wet dogs and other wet animals shake their body in such a precise and effective manner that washing machine designers are taking notice of this. (Cognigent)

A. Wet dogs and other wet animals shake their body in such a precise and effective manner that washing machine designers are taking notice of this.

B. Wet dogs and other wet animals are shaking their bodies in so precise and effective a manner that washing machine designers are taking notice of this.

C. Wet dogs and other wet animals shake their bodies in a precise and effective manner to cause washing machine designers to take notice of this.

D. wet dogs and other wet animals shake their bodies in such a precise and effective manner that washing machine designers are taking notice of this.

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** “Shake their bodies” — correct subject-verb and pronoun match.

**7.** The problem with the traditional view of stegosaurs is that some specimens, like a skeleton of *Stegosaurus armatus* found nearly a century ago, have metacarpals articulated in a different disposition ( Wipro )

A. is that some specimens, like a skeleton of *Stegosaurus armatus* found nearly a century ago, have metacarpals articulated

B. Some specimens, such as a skeleton of *Stegosaurus armatus* found nearly a century ago, have metacarpals articulating

C. was that some specimens, such as a skeleton of *Stegosaurus armatus* found nearly a century ago, had metacarpals articulated

D. had been that some specimens, like a skeleton of *Stegosaurus armatus* found nearly a century ago, have metacarpals articulated

**Answer – C**

**Hint:** Past perfect “had” is required for describing a condition observed in a previous event.

**Instructions (Q.8 to Q.10):** Each sentence is **divided into four parts**: A, B, C, and D. **Only one part** of the sentence contains a grammatical or usage error. Identify the part **that contains the error** and mark the corresponding option.

**8.** Twenty miles (A) / are (B) / a long way (C)/ to walk (D). (Cognigent)

**Answer:**

**B**

**Hint:** “Twenty miles” is a single measure → use the singular verb **is**.

9. Neither my wife (A)/ nor my brother-in-law (B)/ were able to help me (C)/ in my work (D). (**Accenture**)

**C**

**Answer:**

**Hint:** “Neither...nor” = singular subject → should use **was**, not “were”.

10. If my father (A)/approves (B)/ I will go (C)/ to Mumbai (D) (**Tech Mahindra**)

**B**

**Answer:**

**Hint:** Singular subject “father” requires **approves**, not “approve”.

**InstrQuestions (Q.11 to Q.15):** Read the given **passage carefully and thoroughly**. Choose the most appropriate option to answer the questions based on the passage.

Recent research indicates that a proper diet may help reduce the risk of cancer. Since cancer develops over a long time, typically decades-one has time to hinder or promote it. Certain foods can block the chemicals that initiate cancer. Antioxidants found in some vitamins and minerals can snuff out oxygen-free radicals, which are thought to make cells susceptible to cancer. They can even repair some of the cellular damage that has been done. Wheat bran, for example, has been shown to shrink precancerous cells. One of the most studied antioxidants in vegetables and fruits is beta-carotene, concentrated in deep green, yellow, and orange vegetables such as carrots, sweet potatoes, and spinach, and fruits such as apricots and muskmelons. Beta-carotene has a direct toxic effect on cells from malignant tumors. Inside the body, it changes to retinoic acid, used in the treatment of cancer. A simple rule: the darker the vegetable, the antioxidants within. Vegetables such as cabbage, cauliflower, and broccoli reduce the risk of breast cancer. Soybeans contain at least five compounds believed to inhibit cancer. Wheat bran lowers the risk of colon cancer. The ideal diet is low in fat and calories, high in fiber, and includes a variety of nutrient-rich foods like fruits, vegetables, beans, seeds, and nuts.

**(Cognigent)**

11. The idea that what one eats has an effect on one’s susceptibility to a disease like cancer is:

- (a) an age-old belief
- (b) The result of modern experimental evidence
- (c) an accidental discovery
- (d) a myth

**B**

**Answer:**

**Hint:** The Passage says research now supports this link — a **modern discovery**.

12. Human cells become more susceptible to cancer because of:

- (a) oxygen-free radicals
- (b) anti-oxidants
- (c) vitamins and minerals
- (d) cellular malfunctioning

**A**

**Answer:**

**Hint:** Oxygen-free radicals increase susceptibility; antioxidants counteract them.

13. The virulence of malignant tumors can be reduced with the help of :

- (a) deep red and pale green vegetables
- (b) Retinoic acid directly taken from fruits
- (c) beta-carotene
- (d) high-calorie foods

**C**

**Answer:**

**Hint:** **Beta-carotene** has a toxic effect on malignant cells.

14. Cells which subsequently become cancerous can the inhibited by:

- (a) fatty acids

- (b) unsieved wheat flour
- (c) regular intake of retinoic acid
- (d) highly cooked food

**Answer:**

**C**

**Hint:** It shrinks precancerous cells, reducing risk.

**15** Fiber, needed to reduce the risk of cancer, is present in:

- (a) foods rich in fat
- (b) linen and jute
- (c) vegetarian food
- (d) meat and fish

**Answer:**

**C**

**Hint:** Vegetarian sources like beans, seeds, and fruits are high in fiber.

**Instructions (Q.16 to Q.20):** Choose the option that is **most similar in meaning** to the given word.

**16. Pernicious**

( Wipro )

- A) Harmless
- B) Deadly
- C) Temporary
- D) Tiring

**Answer:** **B)**

**Deadly**

**Hint:** “Pernicious” means extremely harmful or fatal.

**17. Ineffable**

(Cognigent)

- A) Expressible
- B) Unspeakable
- C) Loud
- D) Rational

**Answer:** **B)**

**Unspeakable**

**Hint:** “Ineffable” = too great or extreme to be expressed in words.

**18. Vicissitude**

(Tech Mahindra)

- A) Consistency
- B) Change
- C) Strength
- D) Simplicity

**Answer:** **B)**

**Change**

**Hint:** “Vicissitude” refers to fluctuation or change, often unexpected.

**19. Veracity**

(Infosys)

- A) Illusion
- B) Truthfulness
- C) Ambiguity
- D) Clarity

**Answer:** **B)**

**Truthfulness**

**Hint:** “Veracity” = habit of telling the truth.

**20. Apocryphal**

(Infosys)

- A) Authentic
- B) Spurious
- C) Canonical
- D) Profound

**Answer:** **B)**

**Spurious**

**Hint:** “Apocryphal” means doubtful in authenticity; **spurious** is the synonym.