




# VERBAL ABILITY




**1. Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the options.**

**After centuries of obscurity, this philosopher's thesis is enjoying a surprising \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (A) remission
- (B) decimation
- (C) longevity
- (D) renaissance 


**2. Fill in the blank with suitable words from the options.**

**There is a general \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States that our ethics are declining and that our moral standards are \_\_\_\_\_.**


- (A) Feeling - normalizing
- (B) Idea- futile
- (C) Optimism – improving
- (D) Complaint – deteriorating 

**3. Fill in the blank with suitable words from the options.**


**In the Middle Ages, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the great cathedrals did not enter into the architects' plans; almost invariably a cathedral was positioned haphazardly in \_\_\_\_\_ surroundings.**

- (A) Situation - incongruous 
- (B) Location - apt
- (C) Ambience - salubrious
- (D) Durability – convenient

**4. The quantum theory was initially regarded as absurd, unnatural and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ common \_\_\_\_\_ sense..**


- (A) consanguineous
- (B) discernible
- (C) incompatible 
- (D) decipherable

**5. Abraham Lincoln was famously known for his \_\_\_\_\_, which explains why he is often referred to as “Honest Abe.”**


- (A) mendacity
- (B) humility
- (C) veracity 
- (D) piety

**6. Fill in the blanks with suitable answer options.**


**Archaeology is a poor profession; only \_\_\_\_\_ sums are available for excavating sites and even more \_\_\_\_\_ amounts for preserving the excavations.**

- (A) Paltry - meager 
- (B) Miniscule - substantial
- (C) Average - augmented
- (D) Judicious - penurious


**7. Moths are nocturnal pollinators, visiting scented flowers during the hours of darkness, whereas the butterflies are \_\_\_\_\_, attracted to bright flowers in the daytime.**

- (A) diurnal 
- (B) quotidian
- (C) colorful
- (D) ephemeral

**8. War has been, throughout history, the chief \_\_\_\_\_ of social cohesion; and since science began, it has been the strongest \_\_\_\_\_ to technical progress.**

- (A) Reason, encouragement
- (B) Origin, boost
- (C) Cause, provocation
- (D) Source, incentive 

**9. Scrooge, in the famous novel by Dickens, was a \_\_\_\_\_; he hated the rest of mankind.**


- (A) misanthrope 
- (B) hypochondriac
- (C) philanthropist
- (D) hedonist

**10. Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the options.  
In her crusade to make public servants accountable to voters, she \_\_\_\_\_ the nation's unscrupulous and self-indulgent politicians.**

- (A) exposed 
- (B) accepted
- (C) dramatized
- (D) promoted


**11. Direction: In the following question, select the word or phrase that is similar in meaning to the underlined word/phrase.**

**The company checks out all new employees.**

- (A) Stares at
- (B) examines 
- (C) ignores
- (D) pays


**12. In the following question, select the word or phrase that is similar in meaning to the underlined word/phrase.**

**If everyone chips in we can get the kitchen painted by noon.**

- (A) Comes out
- (B) paints
- (C) Clears the mess
- (D) helps 


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- (B) gazed
- (C) admired 
- (D) suspected

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**I ran out of sugar and so the dessert could not be made.**

- (A) poured
- (B) ran
- (C) spilled
- (D) Used up 

**15. Choose the word that is farthest in meaning to the given word:  
Relinquish**


- (A) Acquire
- (B) Renounce 
- (C) Give up
- (D) Deny

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**17. Choose the word that is closest in meaning to the given word:**

**Dismay**

- (A) Consternation 
- (B) Constellation
- (C) Relief
- (D) Pleasure


**18. Choose the word that is closest in meaning to the given word:**

**Subservient**

- (A) Peripheral 
- (B) Superior
- (C) Supernatural
- (D) abnormal


**19. Choose the best fit for the blanks from the options given:**

**The poem was too \_\_\_\_\_; it would have been better if the poet had not stated its meaning so explicitly.**


- (A) opaque
- (B) perspicuous 
- (C) Apparent
- (D) ambiguous

**20. Choose the best fit for the blanks from the options given:**


**Man, thou art \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful animal**

- (A) a 
- (B) an
- (C) the
- (D) No article


## 21. Hypothesis

- (A) Complexity
- (B) theory 
- (C) felling
- (D) fascination


## 22. Garnish

- (A) direct
- (B) cover
- (C) embellish 
- (D) complete

## 23. Autopsy


- (A) diagnosis
- (B) Post mortem 
- (C) manufacture
- (D) Question hour

## 24. Contrived


- (A) controlled 
- (B) destroyed
- (C) artificial
- (D) rebuild




## 25. Remunerate

- (A) Pay 
- (B) enumerate
- (C) repair
- (D) rebuild


## 26. Germane

- (A) fertile
- (B) pertinent 
- (C) possible
- (D) sufficient


## 27. Subterfuge

- (A) Submerge
- (B) alliance
- (C) deceit 
- (D) plan


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- (A) controlled 
- (B) destroyed
- (C) artificial
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### 29. Dire

- (A) Enough
- (B) Pleasant
- (C) extreme 
- (D) significant


### 30. Arcane

- (A) distant
- (B) usual 
- (C) conceited
- (D) occult


### 31. Sanguine

- (A) through
- (B) special
- (C) optimistic 
- (D) particular


### 32. Precarious

- (A) dangerous 
- (B) stable
- (C) helpful
- (D) preventable


**33. Frugal : Parsimonious :: ?**

- (A) Joy : Ecstasy 
- (B) Poor : Misery
- (C) Love : Hate
- (D) Rich : Poor


**34. Automobile : Petrol :: ?**

- (A) Fire : Fuel
- (B) Plane : Propeller 
- (C) Diesel : Gas
- (D) Man : Food

**31. Paw : Cat :: Hoof :**

- (A) dog
- (B) Lamb
- (C) Horse 
- (D) Elephant

**32. Calf : Cow :: Puppy : ?**

- (A) Cub
- (B) Kitten
- (C) Dog 
- (D) snake

33. In a fit of \_\_\_\_\_ she threw out the valuable statue simply because it had belonged \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_ ex-husband.

- (A) goodwill
- (B) pique ☒
- (C) contrition
- (D) pedantry

34. Fill in the blanks with the correct answer. In this biography we are given a glimpse of the young man \_\_\_\_\_ pursuing the path of the poet despite \_\_\_\_\_ and rejection slips.

- (A) sporadically - awards
- (B) doggedly - disappointment ☒
- (C) tirelessly - encouragement
- (D) successfully - acclaim


35. Fill in the blank with the correct answer. The assumption that chlorofluorocarbons would be \_\_\_\_\_ in the environment because they were chemically inert, was challenged by the demonstration of a potential threat to the ozone layer.

- (A) deleterious
- (B) innocuous ☒
- (C) persistent
- (D) noxious


36. The professor became increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ in later years, flying into a rage whenever he was opposed.

- (A) voluble
- (B) subdued
- (C) irascible ☒
- (D) contrite


**37. Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the options. People from all over the world are sent by their doctors to breathe the pure, \_\_\_\_ air in this mountain region.**

- (A) soporific
- (B) invigorating 
- (C) debilitating
- (D) insalubrious


**38. Fill in the blanks with the correct answer. Handicrafts constitute an important \_\_\_\_\_ of the decentralized sector of India's economy and \_\_\_\_\_ employment to over six million artisans.**

- (A) factor, aims
- (B) extension, plants
- (C) segment, provides 
- (D) period, projects

**39. Fill in the blanks with suitable words. Corruption is \_\_\_\_ in our society; the integrity of even senior officials is \_\_\_\_ .**

- (A) rife - suspect 
- (B) growing - unquestioned
- (C) endangered - disputed
- (D) pervasive - intact

**40. Plastic bags are \_\_\_\_ symbols of consumer society; they are found wherever you travel.**

- (A) fleeting
- (B) rare
- (C) ephemeral
- (D) ubiquitous 

41. We live in a \_\_\_\_ age; everyone thinks that maximizing pleasure is the point of life

- (A) propitious
- (B) hedonistic ✓
- (C) corrupt
- (D) insalubrious

42. Despite his \_\_\_\_\_ upbringing, Vladimir proved quite adept at navigating city life.

- (A) urbane
- (B) acrid
- (C) bucolic ✓
- (D) cosmopolitan


43. Reading : Knowledge :: Work : ?.

- (A) Money
- (B) Employment
- (C) Engagement
- (D) Experience ✓


44. Chatter : Teeth :: ? : Leaves

- (A) Whistle
- (B) ripple
- (C) rustle ✓
- (D) cackle


**45. Lumberjack : Axe :: Chef : ?**

- (A) chisel
- (B) Spear
- (C) Poker
- (D) Colander 


**46. Letter : Word ::**

- (A) Club : people
- (B) Product : factory
- (C) Page : book 
- (D) Homework : school


**47. Legend : Map ::**

- (A) Glossary : Text 
- (B) Volume : Guidebook
- (C) Pitcher : Jar
- (D) Essay : Subject

**48. Ship : Captain :: Newspaper : ?**


- (A) reader
- (B) editor 
- (C) publisher
- (D) printer

**49. Novice : Learner :: Harbinger : ?**

- (A) messenger 
- (B) con
- (C) sergent
- (D) scholar


**50. Identify the part which has error in it.**

**The creature on Mars, if any, (A) / are bound to be very different from us (B) / not only in shape but also in size (C) / because of different gravitational conditions (D).**

- (A) A 
- (B) B
- (C) C
- (D) D


**51. Spot the part that has error in it.**

**Each of the speakers whom I invited (A) / to participate in the debate has (B) / indicated their unwillingness (C) / because of the short notice (D).**


- (A) A
- (B) B
- (C) C 
- (D) D

**52. Find the correct alternative for the underlined part.**


**Mahatma Gandhi is credited as having championed a nonviolent approach to reform as a practical and moral means to struggle against social injustice.**

- (A) As having 
- (B) With having
- (C) To have
- (D) As the one who

**53. Find the error in the underlined sentence and answer the correct one from the given options. The strand fills with water during the rainy season that the peat then holds and keeps it humid, all of which creates conditions enabling trees to grow.**

- (A) Enabling trees to grow
- (B) For the trees to grow
- (C) For growing trees
- (D) That enable the trees to grow 


**54. Spot the part that has error in it. There is only the plantain (A) / and an apple in the refrigerator; (B) / so let us go to the market (C) / and buy some more fruits (D).**

- (A) A 
- (B) B
- (C) C
- (D) D




**55. Find the error in the underlined sentence and answer the correct one from the given options.**

The granddaddy of manufacturers, the Shutters Company, headquartered in Milton, is nearly 50 years as old as any of their supposed predecessors.

- (A) As old as any of their supposed
- (B) Older than any of their supposed
- (C) As old as their supposed 
- (D) Older than any of their supposedly


**56. Find the error in the underlined sentence and answer the correct one from the given options.**

Studies conducted in the 1990's indicate that even after fifty years, patients are still suffering the long term effects of polio contracted when a child.


- (A) Contracted when a child
- (B) Contracted when child
- (C) That was contracted when a child
- (D) Contracted when they were children 

**57. Spot the part that has error in it.**

In tropical climate, it is necessary (A) / that a person drinks (B) / several cups of water daily (C) / if he wishes to remain healthy (D).

- (A) A 
- (B) B
- (C) C
- (D) D

**58. The part of Madras that interested us the most (A) / were the beach and the museum (B) / which we recommend to all friends (C) / who plan to visit that city (D).**

- (A) A 
- (B) B
- (C) C
- (D) D


**59. Spot the part that has error in it.**

**If one reads the newspaper regularly (A) / you will be surprised at the improvement (B) / in your overall reading skills (C) / from day to day (D).**

- (A) A
- (B) B
- (C) C
- (D) D

**60. In the following question, the given sentence has four parts marked A, B, C and D. Choose the part of the sentence with the error.**


**The young man was surprised to find (A) / that his experience as a tutor had been used (B) / as the basis for the protagonist in a short story (C) / written by a former girlfriend (D).**

- (A) A
- (B) B
- (C) C 
- (D) D


**61. A pioneer leader for women's rights, Susan B. Anthony became one of the leading women reformers of the nineteenth century. In Rochester, New York, she began her first public crusade on behalf of temperance. The temperance movement dealt with the abuses of women and children who suffered from alcoholic husbands. Also, she worked tirelessly against slavery and for women's rights. Anthony helped write the history of woman suffrage. At the time Anthony lived, women did not have the right to vote. Because she voted in the 1872 election, a U.S. Marshall arrested Anthony. She hoped to prove that women had the legal right to vote under the provisions of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution. At her trial, a hostile federal judge found her guilty and fined her \$100, which she refused to pay. Anthony did not work alone. She collaborated with reformers of women's rights such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Amelia Bloomer.**

Susan worked for the American Anti-Slavery Society with Frederick Douglass, a fugitive slave and black abolitionist. On July 2, 1979, the U.S. Mint honored her work by issuing the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin. Although Anthony did not live to see the fruits of her efforts, the establishment of the nineteenth amendment is indebted to her efforts.


**What is the main idea of the passage?**

- (A) Reformers do not always see the result of their efforts
- (B) Susan B. Anthony never gave up her fight for all people's freedoms. 
- (C) Slavery was one of Susan B. Anthony's causes.
- (D) Anthony did not condone the use of alcohol.


**62. In which of the following ways did the U.S. Mint honor her life's work?**

- (A) The Susan B. Anthony stamp was issued.
- (B) The Susan B. Anthony dollar was created. 
- (C) The Susan B. Anthony Memorial Park was built in Rochester.
- (D) Susan B. Anthony dolls were created.

**63. Anthony advocated all of the following EXCEPT**

- (A) Slavery should be abolished.
- (B) Alcohol should be prohibited because of the abuse it causes.
- (C) Women are citizens and should have the right to vote.
- (D) Employers should provide child care for female employees. 

**64. An effective reformer is**

- (A) a person who has the support of family and friends. Alcohol should be prohibited because of the abuse it causes.
- (B) an activist who can enlist the help of others to promote a cause. 
- (C) a person who is knowledgeable about a particular cause.
- (D) a person who ignores what others think.

65. Find the part of the sentence with error. To this day, the Pythagoras theorem (A) / remains the very important single theorem (B) / in the realm of mathematics, (C) / including algebra, geometry and trigonometry (D).

- (A) A
- (B) B
- (C) C
- (D) D

