

VERBAL APTITUDE SET-1

1. The prize competition was ____ as a showcase for new technology, but instead the competition was marred by disqualifications and disputes.
- A. disappointing B. Conceived C. Touted D. Heralded E. Promising F. required
2. The new institute provides intensive postgraduate teaching to a wide range of students, in the hope that these students will use their knowledge to boost the country's ____ economy.
- A. languishing B. Emerging C. Booming D. Domestic E. Bankrupt F. flagging
3. Like other metaphors, the "book of Nature" has two facets: it is ____ but if taken literally, it may mislead.
- A. heuristic B. Perceptive C. Poetic D. Insightful E. Prosaic F. iconoclastic
4. The increasing interactivity emerging in the latest computer systems means that the traditional view of the computer as a ____ of information now unduly limiting.
- A. gleaner B. Transformer C. Processor D. Producer E. Repository F. cache
5. Turing's life exerts a powerful and ____ effect on writers ; the combination of the highly intellectual and the personally dramatic is hard to resist.
- A. abiding B. Pervasive C. Perennial D. Irresistible E. unmitigated F. multifaceted
6. As a result of his regimented upbringing, that left him unable to see the nuances of complex situations, he was often accused of being ____ .
- A. indecisive B. Tyrannical C. Obtuse D. Boorish E. Xenophobic F. imperceptible

7. It is paradoxical that String Theory inspires such widespread respect when it is so ____ that few could ever hope to master its claims.

- A. intractable B. Confusing C. Elevated D. Arcane E. Obscure F. rigorous

8. Those with a reputation for ____ behavior seldom inspire respect: unwavering adherence to a viewpoint is more admired than flexibility.

- A. capricious B. Bombastic C. Dogmatic D. Fickle E. honourable F. stalwart

9. The courtiers of the time had to be ____ in order to survive in an atmosphere where the least sign of rebellion could lead to banishment or worse.

- A. taciturn B. Fawning C. Docile D. self-serving E. Upright F. servile

10. Forgiveness was fine in theory, but she had trouble in accepting a religion that would allow ____ evil-doers access to heaven.

- A. repentant B. Contrite C. Blatant D. Venial E. Pardoned F. recalcitrant

11. In order to better differentiate its product from generic brands, the cereal company first hired a marketing firm that specializes in creating campaigns to build brand awareness and then retools its factory to produce a variety of different shapes of cereal.

- (A) then retools its factory to produce a variety of different shapes of cereal
(B) retools its factory to produce a variety of different shapes of cereal
(C) then retooled its factory to produce a variety of different shapes of cereal
(D) then will retool its factory to produce a variety of different shapes of cereal
(E) then produces a variety of different shapes of cereal through retooling its factory

12. Believed to be one of the first widely read female authors of the Western world, Christine de Pizan's masterwork The Book of the City of the Ladies , was written in 1405 and is a history of the Western world from the woman's point-of-view.

- (A) Believed to be one of the first widely read female authors of the Western world
- (B) Written by one of the first widely read female authors of the Western world
- (C) One of the first widely read female authors of the Western world, as some believe
- (D) Written by what some believe as one of the first widely read female authors of the Western world
- (E) Believed by some as one of the first works by a widely read female author in the Western world

13. In the U.S., German luxury brands have succeeded in getting people who might have once thought the cars were out of their league in buying and leasing some snazzy rides.

- A. have succeeded in getting people who might have once thought the cars were out of their league in buying and leasing some snazzy rides
- B. have succeeded in getting people who might have once thought the cars were out of their league to buy and lease some snazzy rides
- C. have succeeded in getting people who once might have thought the cars were out of their league to buy and lease some snazzy rides
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- E. has succeeded in getting people who might have once thought the cars were out of their league in buying and leasing some snazzy rides

14. Reporting a 90 percent drop in net income during the second quarter, dragged down by restructuring charges and weak sales, the earnings guidance for the year was withdrawn by Best Buy Co.

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- B. Best Buy Co. is reporting a 90 percent drop in net income during the second quarter, dragged down by restructuring charges and weak sales; the company also withdrew its earnings guidance for the year.
- C. Reporting a 90 percent drop in net income during the second quarter and dragged down by restructuring charges and weak sales, Best Buy Co. withdrew the earnings guidance for the year.

- D. Best Buy Co. has reported a 90 percent drop in net income during the second quarter, dragged down by restructuring charges and weak sales; the company has also withdrawn its earnings guidance for the year.
- E. Best Buy Co. is reporting a 90 percent drop in net income during the second quarter, dragged down by restructuring charges and weak sales; the company has also withdrawn its earnings guidance for the year.
15. Thieves steal Hondas and Toyotas from the 1990s more than other models because they can chop them up and sell them for parts that are worth more than the car.
- A. more than other models because they can chop them up and sell them for parts that are worth more than the car
- B. more than they steal other models because they can chop them up and sell them for parts that are worth more than the car
- C. more than they do other models because they can dismantle the cars and sell the parts that are worth more than the car
- D. more than other models because they can chop the cars up and sell them for parts that are worth more than the car
- E. more than other models because they can dismantle them up and sell them for parts that are worth more than the car
16. Recently, hopes that the European Central Bank will reach a deal to help Spain and Italy borrow at cheaper rates has nudged financial markets higher.
- A. Spain and Italy borrow at cheaper rates has nudged financial markets higher
- B. Spain and Italy borrow at cheaper rates have nudged financial markets to higher levels
- C. Spain and Italy borrow at cheaper rates has nudged financial markets to higher levels
- D. Spain and Italy borrow at cheaper rates nudged financial markets to higher levels
- E. Spain and Italy borrow at cheaper rates nudged financial markets higher
17. Fought on 22 August 1485, the Lancastrians won The Battle of Bosworth Field, the last significant battle of the Wars of the Roses, the civil war between the House of Lancaster and the House of York that raged across England in the latter half of the 15th century.

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- B. Fought on 22 August 1485, The Battle of Bosworth Field- the last significant battle of the Wars of the Roses, the civil war between the House of Lancaster and the House of York that raged across England in the latter half of the 15th century- was won by the Lancastrians
- C. Fought on 22 August 1485, the Lancastrians won The Battle of Bosworth Field- the last significant battle of the Wars of the Roses- the civil war between the House of Lancaster and the House of York that raged across England in the latter half of the 15th century
- D. The Lancastrians won The Battle of Bosworth Field, fought on 22 August 1485, the last significant battle of the Wars of the Roses, the civil war between the House of Lancaster and the House of York that raged across England in the latter half of the 15th century
- E. The Lancastrians won The Battle of Bosworth Field, which was fought on 22 August 1485; it was the last significant battle of the Wars of the Roses- the civil war between the House of Lancaster and the House of York that raged across England in the latter half of the 15th century

18. Unlike Ancient Greek art which saw the veneration of the animal form and the development of equivalent skills to show musculature, poise, beauty and anatomically correct proportions, Ancient Roman art depicted gods as idealized humans, shown with characteristic distinguishing features.

- A. Unlike Ancient Greek art which saw the veneration of the animal form and the development of equivalent skills to show musculature
- B. Ancient Greek art saw the veneration of the animal form and the development of equivalent skills to show musculature
- C. While Ancient Greek art saw the veneration of the animal form and developed equivalent skills to show musculature
- D. While Ancient Greek art venerated the animal form and developed equivalent skills to show musculature
- E. Unlike Ancient Greek art which venerated the animal form and the development of equivalent skills to show musculature

19. In addition to being convenient, affordable, and versatile, legumes are also full of fiber, vitamins, key minerals and plant protein, plus their antioxidant levels rival berries.

- A. In addition to being convenient, affordable, and versatile, legumes are also full of fiber, vitamins, key minerals and plant protein, plus their antioxidant levels rival berries
- B. Legumes are not only convenient, affordable, and versatile but are also rich in fiber, vitamins, minerals, plant protein, and levels of antioxidants that rival those of berries
- C. The convenient, affordable, and versatile legumes are, in addition to rivalling berries for antioxidant levels, full of fiber, vitamins, minerals, and plant protein
- D. Not only are they convenient, affordable, and versatile, legumes are rich in fiber, vitamins, minerals, and plant protein, rivalling berries in antioxidant levels
- E. Legumes, in addition to being convenient, affordable, and versatile, are rich in fiber, vitamins, minerals, and plant protein and rival berries in antioxidant level

20. It is ironic that while the word “perfect” is considered to be the highest compliment possible, calling someone a “perfectionist” is perceived by many as anything but

- A. considered to be the highest compliment possible, calling someone a “perfectionist” is perceived by many as anything but
- B. considered the highest possible compliment, calling someone a “perfectionist” is perceived by many as anything but
- C. considered as the highest compliment that is possible, calling a person “a perfectionist” is perceived as nothing much by many
- D. considered the highest compliment possible, calling a person “a perfectionist” is perceived as anything but by many
- E. considered the highest possible compliment, calling someone “a perfectionist” is perceived by many as nothing much

21. Jane Austen has firmly joined Shakespeare not just as a canonical figure but also as a symbol of Literature itself - the hazel-eyed woman in the mobcap as iconic now as the balding man in the doublet.

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- B. Jane Austen is as firm a canonical figure as a symbol of literature itself, like Shakespeare; the hazel-eyed woman in the mobcap and the balding man in the doublet are both iconic.
- C. Jane Austen, the hazel-eyed woman in the mobcap, and Shakespeare, the balding man in the doublet, have firmly joined together as a canonical figure and a symbol of literature.
- D. Jane Austen is as iconic as Shakespeare; The hazel-eyed woman in the mobcap and the balding man in the doublet are not only firmly joined as canonical figures but as symbols of literature itself.
- E. Jane Austen has firmly joined Shakespeare not only as a canonical figure but also as a symbol of Literature - the hazel-eyed woman in the mobcap has been becoming as iconic now as the balding man in the doublet.

22. NASA reports that ancient observers took note of solar eclipses at least as far back as 2500 BC, as evidenced by surviving records from ancient Babylon and China.

- A. as evidenced by surviving records from
- B. as the evidence that has survived from the records of
- C. as shows the evidence of records surviving in
- D. as the surviving records show the evidence of
- E. as evidenced by records that have survived in

23. The sense of elitism in the art world is deepened by the fact that the determination of the authenticity of long-lost works of reputed renaissance-era painters such as Da Vinci is usually not possible by just scientific analysis and forensics but need the expert 'eye' of the connoisseurs.

- A. painters such as Da Vinci is usually not possible by just scientific analysis and forensics but need
- B. painters like Da Vinci is usually not possible by just scientific analysis and forensics but also needs
- C. painters such as Da Vinci is usually not possible by just scientific analysis and forensics but also needs
- D. painters like Da Vinci are usually not possible by just scientific analysis and forensics but also needs
- E. painters such as Da Vinci are usually not possible by just scientific analysis and forensics but need

24. With the private space industry at the early stages of a launch revolution – it is expected that the number of launches is going to increase dramatically – it has become imperative to study the effects of the plume of exhaust that a rocket leaves in its wake on the stratosphere and the ozone layer.

- A. it has become imperative to study the effects on the stratosphere and the ozone layer caused by the plume of exhaust that a rocket leaves in its wake
- B. studying the effects on the stratosphere and the ozone layer caused by the plumes of exhaust left by rockets in their wake has become imperative
- C. the plume of exhaust left by a rocket in its wake has to be studied for its effects on the stratosphere and the ozone layer
- D. the study of the plumes of exhaust that rockets leaves in their wake and of the effect on the stratosphere and the ozone layer has become imperative
- E. it has become imperative to study how the plumes of exhaust that a rocket leaves in its wake affects the stratosphere and the ozone layer

25. Occupying a small portion of the island of Borneo, the tiny country of Brunei Darussalam had been having a low number of international visitors until 2017, when the numbers, attracted by its famously pristine rainforests, increased by 20%.

- A. the tiny country of Brunei Darussalam had been having a low number of international visitors until 2017, when the numbers, attracted by its famously pristine rainforests, increased by 20%
- B. the number of international visitors to the tiny country of Brunei Darussalam was low till 2017 when they began to be attracted by its famously pristine rainforests, leading to an increase in numbers by 20%
- C. the tiny country of Brunei Darussalam saw, in 2017, a 20% increase in the previously low number of international visitors because the tourists were attracted to its famously pristine rainforests
- D. the tiny country of Brunei Darussalam increased its number of international visitors by 20% in 2017, leading to an attraction for its famously pristine rainforests.
- E. the international tourists visiting the tiny country of Brunei Darussalam increased their previously low numbers by 20% in 2017, owing to their attraction to its famously pristine rainforests.

26. Despite smartphones and easy accessibility for social networks, almost half of the millennials – people reaching young adulthood in the 21st century – are feeling isolated and lonely.

- A. Despite smartphones and easy accessibility for social networks,
 - B. Although having smartphones and accessing social networks easily,
 - C. Despite them using smartphones and easily accessing social networks,
 - D. Despite their smartphones making access to social networks easy,
 - E. Although there is an increasing use of smartphones and easy accessibility for social networks,
27. Given that Agatha Christie wrote 66 novels and 14 short story collections, all of which are still in print in multiple formats and dozens of languages, sceptics would be well advised to admit defeat on the issue of whether or not she sold more books than any other novelist ever has.
- A. admit defeat on the issue of whether or not she sold more books than any other novelist ever has
 - B. be defeated on the issue of whether she sold more books than every other novelist
 - C. admit defeat on the issue of whether she sold more books than any other novelist ever has
 - D. admit defeat on the issue of whether or not she sold more books than any other novelist ever has
 - E. be defeated on the issue of whether she sold more books than every other novelist

Select the synonym for the following:

28. chimera
 - a. chimney
 - b. protest
 - c. illusion
 - d. panache
29. temerity
 - a. audacity
 - b. fearlessness
 - c. shyness
 - d. stupidity
30. educe
 - a. demand
 - b. elicit
 - c. ideal
 - d. unlawful
31. nabob
 - a. bigwig
 - b. doubt
 - c. frolic
 - d. converse
32. pall
 - a. light
 - b. satiate
 - c. carry
 - d. horror
33. sacrosanct
 - a. prayer
 - b. sanctuary
 - c. pious
 - d. sacred

34. louche
a. gaucheb. finec. brilliantd. indecent
35. stentorian
a. violentb. misbegottenc. loudd. stealthy
36. remote
a. automaticb. distancc. savaged. mean
37. detest
a. argueb. hatec. discoverd. reveal
38. gracious
a. prettyb. cleverc. pleasantd. present
39. predict
a. foretellb. decidec. preventd. discover
40. kin
a. exultb. twistc. friendd. relative
41. pensive
a. oppressedb. cagedc. thoughtful. happy
42. banish
a. exileb. hatec. faded. clean
43. fraud
a. malcontentb. argumentc. imposterd. clown
44. saccharine
a. leaveb. sweetc. aridd. quit
45. drag
a. sleepyb. crushc. proudd. pull
46. jovial
a. incredulousb. merryc. revoltingd. dizzy
47. indifferent

a. neutral b. unkind c. precious d. mean

48. simulate

a. excite b. imitate c. trick d. apelike

49. charisma

a. ghost b. force c. charm d. courage

50. apportion

a. divide b. decide c. cut d. squabble

51. generic

a. general b. cheap c. fresh d. elderly

Give the antonym for the following:

52. withdraw

a. reduce b. need c. advanced d. want

53. secret

a. friendly b. covert c. hidden d. overt

54. heartfelt

a. loving b. insincere c. unhealthy d. humorous

55. impartial

a. hostile b. biased c. disliked d. worried

56. luminous

a. clear b. dim c. brittle d. clever

57. awe

a. borrow b. shallow c. low d. contempt

58. pit

a. group b. peak c. select d. marry

59. rotund

a. round b. unimportant c. thin d. dull

60. talent

- a. ungrateful b. silent c. showd. inability