

VERBAL APTITUDE: I

❖ SENTENCE IMPROVEMENT

❖ SENTENCE CORRECTION

❖ CHOOSE THE CORRECT SENTENCE

Instructions: Choose the option that best improves the sentence.

1. The panel of international climate scientists, despite facing numerous political and logistical obstacles, *have managed to release their conclusive report on the irreversible damage being inflicted upon polar ecosystems.*

- A) have managed to release their conclusive report on the irreversible damage being inflicted upon polar ecosystems
- B) has managed to release their conclusive report on the irreversible damages inflicted upon the polar ecosystems
- ☒ C) has managed to release its conclusive report on the irreversible damage being inflicted upon polar ecosystems
- D) have managed to release its conclusive report on the irreversible damages being inflicted upon polar ecosystem

2. While the historian's argument appears coherent on the surface, a closer reading reveals several contradictions and unsupported claims, *which undermines the credibility of his central thesis.*

- A) which undermines the credibility of his central thesis
- ☒ B) which undermine the credibility of his central thesis
- C) that undermines the credibility of his central thesis
- D) that is undermining the credibility of his central thesis

3. The results of the decade-long study, commissioned by leading environmental agencies and conducted across five continents, *suggest that climate change has become an imminent threat for which immediate countermeasures is necessary.*

- A) is necessary
- ☒ B) are necessary
- C) is being necessary
- D) has been necessary

4. Although the CEO's statements were intended to reassure shareholders, *the vagueness of her explanations and the absence of concrete future strategies was received poorly by the board.*

- A) was received poorly by the board
- ☒ B) were poorly received by the board
- C) had been received poorly by the board
- D) was being received poorly by the board

5. Despite the vast budget allocated to the education sector, *the quality of primary and secondary education remain stagnant due to systemic mismanagement and teacher absenteeism.*

- A) remain stagnant due to systemic mismanagement and teacher absenteeism
- ☒ B) remains stagnant due to systemic mismanagement and teacher absenteeism
- C) is remaining stagnant because of systemic mismanagement and absenteeism of teachers
- D) continues to be stagnated due to mismanagement and absenteeism

6. Because of the ever-evolving nature of digital media, *marketing strategies that once guaranteed success in print advertisements now requires constant adaptation and innovation to remain effective.*

- A) requires constant adaptation and innovation to remain effective
- ☒ B) require constant adaptation and innovation to remain effective
- C) have required constant adaptation and innovation to remain effective
- D) requiring constant adaptation and innovation to remain effective

7. The speaker's passionate oration, *coupled with his intimate understanding of the socio-economic challenges faced by rural communities, lend credibility to his proposed reforms.*

- A) lend credibility to his proposed reforms
- ☒ B) lends credibility to his proposed reforms
- C) has lent credibility to his proposed reforms
- D) are lending credibility to his proposed reforms

8. Several influential policy analysts believe that *the newly enacted legislation, although intended to simplify tax filing, are riddled with ambiguities and loopholes that may exacerbate corruption.*

- A) are riddled with ambiguities and loopholes
- ☒ B) is riddled with ambiguities and loopholes
- C) has riddled with ambiguity and loophole
- D) was riddling with ambiguities and loopholes

9. *The rise in global food prices have prompted economists to reconsider the impact of climate policies on agricultural production and trade.*

- A) have prompted economists to reconsider
- ☒ B) has prompted economists to reconsider
- C) is prompting economists to reconsider
- D) prompt economists to reconsider

10. Although he acknowledged the concerns raised by environmentalists, *his refusal to implement stricter regulations was interpreted by critics as prioritizing industrial growth over ecological preservation.*

- ☒ A) was interpreted by critics as
- B) were interpreted by critics as
- C) had interpreted by critics as
- D) is interpreted by critics as

11. The data collected over the last two decades *reveal that neither economic incentives nor public awareness campaigns have been successful in reducing fossil fuel dependency.*

- ☒ A) reveal that neither economic incentives nor public awareness campaigns
- B) reveals that neither economic incentives nor public awareness campaigns
- C) has revealed that neither the economic incentive nor public awareness campaign
- D) revealing that neither economic incentives nor public awareness campaigns

12. The company's restructuring plan, which includes divestment from unprofitable units and a renewed focus on innovation, *are expected to yield results only in the long term.*

- A) are expected to yield results only in the long term
- ☒ B) is expected to yield results only in the long term
- C) will be expecting to yield results only in long term
- D) was expected to yield results only in a long term

13. Not only the participants but also the event organizers *was surprised by the turnout, which far exceeded initial projections and required urgent logistical adjustments.*

- A) was surprised by the turnout
- ☒ B) were surprised by the turnout
- C) has been surprised by the turnout
- D) is surprised by the turnout

14. Due to its strategic location and ample natural resources, the region *have long been viewed as critical to the country's economic and geopolitical interests.*

- A) have long been viewed
- ☒ B) has long been viewed
- C) is being viewed
- D) had long viewed

15. *Despite being an accomplished pianist and composer, Clara Schumann was often overshadowed by her husband, whose career was both celebrated and tragic in equal measure.*

- ☒ A) whose career was both celebrated and tragic in equal measure
- B) whose career was celebrated and tragic equally
- C) who had a career that was celebrated as well as tragic equally
- D) whose career was being both celebrated and tragic equally

16. The scientist's proposal, though initially met with skepticism, *eventually garnered enough empirical support to be incorporated into mainstream academic discourse.*

- A) eventually garnered enough empirical support
- B) eventually garners enough empirical support
- C) was eventually garnering empirical support
- D) eventually had garnered empirical support

17. The administration's decision to restrict foreign funding for NGOs *were widely criticized by international observers as regressive and harmful to grassroots development programs.*

- A) were widely criticized
- B) was widely criticized
- C) has been widely criticized
- D) being widely criticized

18. According to the recent audit, *the failure of the authorities to enforce building regulations have directly contributed to the widespread structural damages observed in the coastal district.*

- A) have directly contributed
- B) has directly contributed
- C) had been contributing
- D) is directly contributing

19. The manuscript, along with several rare photographs and correspondences from the early twentieth century, *were discovered hidden in a false compartment of the author's writing desk.*

- A) were discovered hidden
- B) was discovered hidden
- C) was being discovered
- D) has been discovering

20. In attempting to resolve the budget deficit, *the finance minister's strategies neither satisfies the opposition nor assures the ruling party of long-term economic stability.*

- A) neither satisfies the opposition nor assures
- B) neither satisfy the opposition nor assure
- C) neither satisfied the opposition nor assure
- D) neither has satisfied the opposition nor assuring

Instructions: Each sentence has either an error or no error. Choose the best version of the sentence from the options given.

21. Unlike the agile cheetah, the elephant, though strong and majestic, *move slowly and ponderously through the savannah.*

- A) move slowly and ponderously through the savannah
- B) moves slow and ponderous through the savannah
- C) moves slowly and ponderously through the savannah
- D) move slow and ponderous through the savannah

22. Because she had not taken the prerequisites, *the professor refused to let her enroll in the course.*

- A) the professor refused to let her enroll in the course
- B) the course was refused to her by the professor
- C) the professor refused her from enrolling in the course
- D) enrolling in the course was refused by the professor

23. Although the new policy was designed to reduce carbon emissions, *it may inadvertently penalize small businesses who lack the resources to comply.*

- A) who lack the resources to comply
- B) lacking the resources to comply
- C) which lacks the resources to comply
- D) that lack the resources to comply

24. The manager, along with several of his colleagues, *are planning to attend the conference in Berlin next month.*

- A) are planning
- B) is planning
- C) have planned
- D) were planning

25. Each of the dancers *perform their routine with an elegance and precision that captivates the audience.*

- A) perform their routine
- B) performs their routine
- C) performs his or her routine
- D) perform his or her routine

26. The museum director said that *restoration efforts, though costly, has significantly improved the fresco's appearance.*

- A) has significantly improved
- B) have significantly improved
- C) was significantly improving
- D) have been significantly improving

27. No sooner had the train arrived *when the passengers began to disembark in a rush.*
A) when the passengers began
B) than the passengers began
C) then the passengers began
D) and the passengers began
28. The company must decide *whether to expand its operations to Asia or staying focused on domestic growth.*
A) whether to expand its operations to Asia or staying
B) whether it will expand its operations or staying
C) whether to expand its operations or to stay
D) whether it expands or stays
29. The city has implemented several initiatives *aimed to reducing traffic congestion during peak hours.*
A) aimed to reducing
B) aiming at reducing
C) aimed at reducing
D) that aims to reduce
30. *The more he studied the ancient manuscript, the more was he convinced of its authenticity.*
A) the more was he convinced
B) the more convinced he was
C) he was more convinced
D) the most he was convinced
31. Each book, journal, and magazine in the library *have been catalogued and tagged for digital access.*
A) have been catalogued
B) have been cataloged
C) has been catalogued
D) has catalogued
32. He is not only a talented engineer *but also an effective communicator and a visionary leader.*
A) but also an effective communicator and a visionary leader
B) but also he is an effective communicator and a visionary leader
C) but also he communicates effectively and a visionary leader
D) but also is he effective in communication and a leader with vision
33. If the documents *was submitted on time, the approval would have been granted.*
A) was submitted on time
B) had been submitted on time
C) would have been submitted on time
D) were being submitted on time
34. Though *the plan was ambitious and well-funded, it failed to deliver results within the projected timeline.*
A) Though
B) Even though
C) Despite
D) Because
35. He gave the award to *whoever he thought was the most deserving candidate.*
A) whoever he thought
B) whomever he thought
C) who he thought
D) whom he thought

36. Despite his lack of formal training, *the technician demonstrated a level of skill that surpassed even experienced professionals.*
A) the technician demonstrated a level of skill
B) the technician has demonstrated skill levels
C) the technician demonstrating levels of skill
D) the technician had demonstrated skilled levels
37. Rarely *a politician has been so honest and transparent in addressing public concerns.*
A) a politician has been
B) has a politician been
C) has been a politician
D) did a politician been
38. The committee *was divided in their opinion on whether to proceed with the merger.*
A) was divided in their opinion
B) were divided in their opinions
C) was divided in its opinion
D) is dividing its opinions
39. He had *hardly reached the station when the train had already left.*
A) had hardly reached
B) had just reached
C) hardly reached
D) was hardly reaching
40. Not only the manager but also the interns *was praised for their efforts on the campaign.*
A) was praised for their efforts
B) were praised for their effort
C) were praised for their efforts
D) had been praising for efforts

Instructions: Each question contains four sentences. Choose the one that is completely correct in terms of grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, and word usage.

41. Which of the following sentences is correct?
A) The director, who had been out of the country for nearly a year, were unaware of the major changes that had occurred in the company during his absence.
B) The director who had been out of the country for nearly a year were unaware of the major changes occurred during his absence.
C) The director, who had been out of the country for nearly a year, was unaware of the major changes that had occurred in the company during his absence.
D) The director who was out of the country, unaware of the changes that were occurred during his absence.
42. Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct:
A) Despite the team's best efforts and extensive research, the project failed due to unforeseen circumstances which could not have been anticipated.
B) Despite of the team's best efforts, the project had failed due to circumstances that was not foreseen.

- C) Despite the team trying their best, unforeseen circumstance causes the failure of the project.
- D) The project failed, despite of the team tried its best to prevent it.

43. Which sentence is correctly written and punctuated?

- A) While some employees argued for stricter regulations others insisted that flexibility would foster innovation and improve morale.
- B) While some employees argued for stricter regulations; others insisted flexibility would foster innovation and improved morale.
- C) While some employees argued for stricter regulations, others insisted that flexibility would foster innovation and improve morale.
- D) While some employees argued; for stricter regulations, others insisted that flexibility would foster innovation and improve morale.

44. Identify the correct sentence:

- A) The company's new policy, which was introduced last quarter, have reduced employee turnover and increased productivity.
- B) The company's new policy which introduced last quarter has reduced employee turnover and increased productivity.
- C) The company's new policy, which was introduced last quarter, has reduced employee turnover and increased productivity.
- D) The new policy of the company, introduced last quarter; has reduced employee turnover and productivity increased.

45. Which version of the sentence is accurate and effective?

- A) Neither the CEO nor the board members was aware of the financial discrepancies discovered during the audit.
- B) Neither the CEO nor the board members were aware of the financial discrepancies discovered during the audit.
- C) Neither the CEO nor the board members had been aware the discrepancies that discovered.
- D) Neither the CEO nor the board members is aware of the financial discrepancy that had discovered during audit.

46. Choose the sentence that is error-free:

- A) The research paper, in addition to the supplementary articles, demonstrate the need for a revised curriculum in engineering education.
- B) The research paper in addition to the supplementary articles demonstrate the need of a revised curriculum in engineering education.
- C) The research paper, along with the supplementary articles, demonstrates the need for a revised curriculum in engineering education.
- D) The research paper demonstrates the need along with supplementary articles for revised curriculum in engineering education.

47. Which of the following sentences is completely correct?

- A) Having delivered the keynote address and answered all questions from the audience, the conference concluded successfully.

- B) Having delivered the keynote address and answering all questions from the audience, the conference was concluded successfully.
- C) Having delivered the keynote address and answered all audience questions, the speaker concluded the conference successfully.
- D) Having been delivered the keynote address, the speaker has concluded the conference successfully.

48. Pick the grammatically and logically sound sentence:

- A) The results of the experiment, though promising, was not sufficient to warrant further investment from stakeholders.
- B) Though promising, the results of the experiment were not sufficient to warrant further investment from stakeholders.
- C) Though the experiment results was promising, it did not warrant further investment.
- D) Though the experiment was promising, the results were insufficient to stakeholders for investment.

49. Identify the correct sentence:

- A) Because he had failed to submit the required documents on time, his application was rejected by the committee without further review.
- B) Because of his failure to submit the required documents on time, the application was rejected by the committee without reviewing it.
- C) His application rejected by the committee because he had not submitted the documents in timely.
- D) His application, the documents not submitted in time, was rejected by committee without further review.

50. Which sentence uses modifiers and parallel structure correctly?

- A) The new manager is skilled in communication, efficient in managing teams, and he thinks strategically.
- B) The new manager is skilled at communication, team management, and thinking strategically.
- C) The new manager is skilled in communication, managing teams efficiently, and strategic thinking.
- D) The new manager is skilled in communication, team management, and strategic thinking.

51. Choose the grammatically correct and coherent sentence:

- A) In order to ensure the safety of the passengers, the crew were trained thoroughly and emergency drills conducted regularly.
- B) In order to ensuring safety, the crew has trained thoroughly and conducted regular emergency drills.
- C) In order to ensure passenger safety, the crew was thoroughly trained and regular emergency drills were conducted.
- D) Ensuring the safety of the passengers, the crew training was thorough and the emergency drills regularly conducted.

52. Select the sentence that is completely correct:

- A) The project, which had been delayed due to funding issues and miscommunication among departments, is now back on track and expected to complete soon.

- B) The project that had been delayed due to funding and communication issues, are now back on track and expected to complete soon.
- C) The project which delayed because of issues in funding and miscommunication is now back and soon to complete.
- D) The project, which had been delayed due to funding issues and miscommunication among departments, is now back on track and is expected to be completed soon.

53. Identify the properly constructed sentence:

- A) Since beginning the new fitness regimen, improved energy levels and better concentration has been noticed.
- B) Since the beginning of the new fitness regimen, there have been noticeable improvements in both energy levels and concentration.
- C) Since beginning the new fitness plan, there has improvements in energy levels and concentration.
- D) Beginning the new fitness regimen, concentration and energy levels are better noticeably.

54. Which sentence is grammatically and structurally accurate?

- A) Because the application was incomplete and lacked the necessary documentation, it was denied by the committee without further consideration.
- B) Because the application incomplete and lacking the documentation necessary, it was denied without further consideration by the committee.
- C) Because the incomplete application and missing documents, the committee had denied it.
- D) Being incomplete and the documents were missing, the committee denied the application.

55. Select the correct sentence:

- A) The teacher, who students respected greatly, were transferred to another school unexpectedly.
- B) The teacher, who the students respected greatly, was transferred to another school unexpectedly.
- C) The teacher whom students greatly respected, were transferred to another school unexpectedly.
- D) The teacher who students respected, they were transferred to another school unexpectedly.

56. Which is the most grammatically and logically correct sentence?

- A) Not only did the committee approve the proposal, but also recommended immediate implementation.
- B) Not only was the proposal approved by the committee, but also immediate implementation was recommended.
- C) Not only did the committee approve the proposal, but it also recommended immediate implementation.
- D) Not only the proposal was approved by the committee, but also the recommendation for implementation was immediate.

57. Choose the correct sentence:

- A) Although she worked harder than any other intern, but she was not offered a permanent position.
- B) Though she worked harder than all others, she was not offered any permanent position.
- C) Although she had worked harder than any other intern, she was not offered a permanent position.
- D) Although working harder than others, a permanent position was not offered to her.

58. Identify the correct sentence from the options:

- A) The board's decision, although controversial, was implemented with the support of the majority and was accepted eventually.
- B) The board decision, although it was controversial, has implemented with majority support and accepted eventually.
- C) The board's decision, although controversial, were implemented with support and eventually accepted.
- D) The board's decision although controversial was implementing with the support and accepted.

59. Which sentence is accurate?

- A) After reviewing the footage, the discrepancies in the testimony of the witness became evident.
- B) After reviewing the footage, the discrepancies were evident in the testimony of the witness.
- C) After the footage was reviewed, it became evident that discrepancies existed in the witness's testimony.
- D) After reviewing the footage, it became evident that the witness's testimony contained discrepancies.

60. Choose the sentence that is best written:

- A) To perform well in the final examination, consistent revision, timely rest, and having a calm mindset is necessary.
- B) Performing well in the final exam requires consistent revision, adequate rest, and a calm mindset.
- C) Performance in final exams requiring calm mindset, revision and timely sleeping.
- D) Performing well requires that students revise consistently, resting enough and they should stay calm.