

# SENTENCE IMPROVEMENT

In these type of questions, a sentence is given with a bold/underlined word or phrase in it. The candidate is required to improve the highlighted/underlined word or phrase by choosing the suitable option given below the sentence. In case, the phrase/word cannot be improved further, the candidate can select the 'No Improvement' option as the answer.

e.g.

- (i) His powerful desire brought about his downfall.

- (a) His wishful desire                      (b) His desire for power  
(c) His eager desire                        (d) No improvement

**Ans.** (b) 'Desire' means 'a strong feeling of wanting to have something'. Hence wanting to have something. Hence, 'to improve the given sentence, option (b) 'His desire' for power' will be used.

- (ii) If he wants farther help, send him to me.

- (a) further                                      (b) much  
(c) best    (d) No improvement

**Ans** (a) To improve the given sentence, 'farther' should be replaced by 'further'. 'Farther' is used for physical distance but 'further' is used for something additional or to a greater degree.

*The aim of sentence Improvement question is to test the candidate's ability to identify error in a part of sentence and improve the same.*

# PRACTICE EXERCISE

**Directions** (Q. Nos. 1-32) *In the following questions, a sentence / part of the sentence has been underlined. Below are given alternatives (a), (b), (c) and (d) which may improve the underlined part. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is option (d) 'No Improvement'.*

1. When his teacher saw him last, he ran to catch the school bus.  
(a) has run (b) was running  
(c) had run (d) No improvement
2. I asked her where is she going.  
(a) where she is going  
(b) where was she going  
(c) where she was going  
(d) No improvement
3. The patient was released from the hospital yesterday.  
(a) fired (b) discharged  
(c) thrown out (d) No improvement
4. You must apologise to his teacher for making noise in the class.  
(a) with (b) for  
(c) at (d) No improvement
5. The employees wished each and other on New Year's Day.  
(a) one other (b) one another  
(c) each another (d) No improvement
6. Every Sunday we go out for shopping.  
(a) for shops (b) to shopping  
(c) for shop (d) No improvement
7. Prem was rejected so he was too young.  
(a) because (b) yet  
(c) but (d) No improvement
8. All his family members are in Agra.  
(a) All of his family members  
(b) All the members in his family  
(c) All the members of his family  
(d) No improvement
9. Indra has returned my books yesterday.  
(a) had returned (b) has had returned  
(c) returned (d) No improvement
10. Most children are liking chocolate.  
(a) likes (b) like  
(c) were liking (d) No improvement
11. My brother gifted me the more expensive car.  
(a) a much (b) a most  
(c) the most (d) No improvement
12. Either Raghav or Saurabh are going to be selected for the match.  
(a) has (b) is  
(c) have been (d) No improvement
13. If I were the Chief Minister of Delhi, I would ban all processions.  
(a) will be (b) was  
(c) am (d) No improvement
14. Vijay took disadvantage of the situation and cheated many people in his society.  
(a) chance (b) advantage  
(c) courage (d) No improvement
15. The police grabbed him for armed robbery.  
(a) released (b) arrested  
(c) captured (d) No improvement
16. No sooner had the teacher entered the room and the student rushed to their seats.  
(a) when (b) than  
(c) but (d) No improvement
17. The team will be giving blood in the hospital at 10 a.m. tomorrow.  
(a) exchanging (b) contributing  
(c) donating (d) No improvement
18. The painter has not finished painting the door.  
(a) to paint (b) the paint of  
(c) the painting (d) No improvement

19. Reema is more healthier than Seema.  
 (a) healthier (b) healthiest  
 (c) healthy (d) No improvement
20. Hardik was left in from the team because he hasn't been playing too well lately.  
 (a) got out (b) thrown out  
 (c) left out (d) No improvement
21. He does not drink, nor he smokes.  
 (a) nor smokes he (b) nor does he smoke  
 (c) nor he does smoke (d) No improvement
22. The doctor who I met yesterday was Mehul's father.  
 (a) which (b) whom  
 (c) that (d) No improvement
23. Hardly had I finished my lunch when my cousin arrived.  
 (a) before (b) then  
 (c) after (d) No improvement
24. Each of our students pay their tuition fee at the beginning of the month.  
 (a) student pay their (b) students pays their  
 (c) students pays his (d) No improvement
25. We demonstrated to them, how we were prepared the artistic patterns.  
 (a) are prepared (b) have prepared  
 (c) had prepared (d) No improvement
26. She was the oldest of the two sisters.  
 (a) eldest of two sisters  
 (b) oldest between the two sisters  
 (c) older than her sister  
 (d) No improvement
27. The patient could have been saved if he had been taken to the hospital in time.  
 (a) could be saved  
 (b) could save  
 (c) had been saved  
 (d) No improvement
28. The war has had a negative impact over the economy of the country.  
 (a) in the economy (b) on the economy  
 (c) in economy (d) No improvement
29. Each furniture on display in this hall is on sale.  
 (a) Each of the furniture  
 (b) Each one of the furniture  
 (c) Each piece of furniture  
 (d) No improvement
30. I find difficult to understand why Vikas has remained silent on this matter.  
 (a) I find it difficult  
 (b) I find very difficult  
 (c) I find somewhat difficult  
 (d) No improvement

## Answers

1	(b)	2	(c)	3	(b)	4	(d)	5	(b)	6	(d)	7	(a)	8	(c)	9	(c)	10	(b)
11	(c)	12	(b)	13	(d)	14	(b)	15	(b)	16	(b)	17	(c)	18	(d)	19	(a)	20	(c)
21	(b)	22	(b)	23	(d)	24	(c)	25	(c)	26	(a)	27	(d)	28	(b)	29	(c)	30	(a)