

**Direction (1-15):** In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

**Q1. The efforts made by the charity (A) / were aimed to provide shelters (B) / to the homeless people (C) / No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S1. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Use 'aimed at providing' in place of 'aimed to provide' as aim takes preposition 'at' with it and hence followed by gerund (V1+ing).

**Q2. People seldom believe their (A) / colleagues these days to escape (B) / from betrayal in the end. (C) / No error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S2. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** No Error

**Q3. I always glance at my desk (A)/ to make sure I have everything (B)/ before I leave the office at night. (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S3. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'glance at' with 'glance over'. Glance **over** something (**a wide surface**): to examine something very quickly.

**Q4. The Royal Commission on Legal Services took a more (A)/ fundamental view with regard of financial (B)/ conditions, which has not been accepted. (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S4. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Replace 'with regard of' with 'with regard to'.

As 'with regard **to** a matter' is the correct prepositional phrase.





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**Q5. In the event, the anticipated collapse of the first (A)/ genetic engineering company amid a pile (B)/ of bad debts did not by. (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S5. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Replace 'come by' with 'come about'.

Come about: happen; take place.

Come by: manage to acquire or obtain (something).

Hence 'come about' fits in the context appropriately.

**Q6. The town was fairly larger with (A)/ a dozen or so business buildings (B)/ on each side of the street. (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S6. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Either replace 'larger' with 'large' or 'fairly' with 'rather'.

'Fairly' takes positive degree of adjectives with it while 'Rather' takes positive and comparative degree of adjectives.

**Q7. But two days ago this suddenly has happened," (A)/said Natasha, (B)/struggling with her sobs.(C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S7. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'suddenly has happened' with 'suddenly happened'.

As 'ago' is used in Past Tense only.

**Q8. He was a very little boy, (A)/ but before he was three years old (B)/ he could read absolutely quite well.(C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S8. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Remove 'absolutely' before 'quite'. 'Absolutely' and 'Quite' are not used together.

**Q9. I was surprised to find Mrs. Keller a very (A)/ young-looking woman, not much old than (B)/myself, I should think. (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S9. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Replace 'old' with 'older'. As the rule goes 'much' + comparative degree of adjective'.

**Q10. Human beings communicate to (A)/ each other by means (B)/ of language. (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S10. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'Communicate to' with 'Communicate with'.

As communicate **with** somebody is the correct prepositional usage of 'communicate' in the given context.

**Q11. The boy's parents were surprised that (A)/ he would excel with athletics since (B)/neither of them played sports in school. (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S11. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Replace 'excel with' by 'excel in'.

Excel **in** something is the correct prepositional usage.

**Q12. The Centre's latest attempt to curb unregulated deposit (A)/ schemes through an ordinance reflects a timely (B)/recognition of the need for greater legal protection. (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S12. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** No Error

**Q13. The court ruled he could not (A)/be held personally liable to (B)/ his wife's debts. (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S13. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Replace 'liable to' with 'liable for'.

Correct prepositional usage: Liable **for** payment while liable **to** error

**Q14. With a view to help the Third World countries, (A)/the I.M.F. and the World Bank keep sending (B)/their experts to different regions of the world (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S14. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'help' with 'helping' as 'with a view to' takes gerund (V1 + ing) with it.

**Q15. Some people get used to (A)/ changes very easily (B)/ than others do (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S15. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Replace 'very' with 'more'. There is a sense of comparison in the sentence which implies the usage of 'more easily than' instead of 'very easily than'.

**Direction (16-30): In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four as your answer.**

**Q16. Since my father was an \_\_\_\_\_ from India, he brought his Indian culture and traditions to the United States with him.**

- (a) emigrant
- (b) immigrant
- (c) native
- (d) citizen

**S16. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Immigrant: a person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country.

**Q17. At night, the winding roads can make driving up the mountain a \_\_\_\_\_ journey.**

- (a) carefree
- (b) beastly
- (c) obnoxious
- (d) treacherous

**S17. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Treacherous: presenting hidden or unpredictable dangers.

**Q18. If you are caught using a calculator in the exam then it will be \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) taken
- (b) confiscated
- (c) hijacked
- (d) conscripted

**S18. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Confiscate: take or seize (someone's property) with authority.



**Q19. The unruly behavior of the parliamentarians \_\_\_\_\_ the speaker.**

- (a) incensed
- (b) estranged
- (c) enflamed
- (d) disparaged

**S19. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Incensed: very angry; enraged.

Estranged: a wife or husband no longer living with their spouse.

Enflamed: to burst into flame.

Disparaged: regard or represent as being of little worth.

Hence option A is the correct choice as it fits in the context.

**Q20. A large \_\_\_\_\_ of angry bison's rampaged through the villages.**

- (a) herd
- (b) swarm
- (c) congregation
- (d) flock

**S20. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Herd: (with reference to a group of people or animals) move in a group.

**Q21. She deserved the accolades as she \_\_\_\_\_ for it.**

- (a) hardly worked
- (b) had hard worked
- (c) was working hard
- (d) had worked hard

**S21. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** "had worked hard" should be used as the action has been done before the realization.

**Q22. I will scold him when \_\_\_\_.**

- (a) he will come
- (b) he comes
- (c) he would come
- (d) he had come

**S22. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** If the Primary Clause is in Simple Future Tense before the usage of conjunctions like when, if etc., subordinate clause after it, does not take "will" with it and is written in present indefinite tense. Hence option B is the apt choice.

**Q23. Don't loiter \_\_\_\_\_ the corridor.**

- (a) around
- (b) off
- (c) of
- (d) at

**S23. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Loiter around: to linger aimlessly.

**Q24. Then, he left for Silicon Valley to \_\_\_\_\_ his dream of launching a startup.**

- (a) persevere
- (b) eschew
- (c) pursue
- (d) cherish

**S24. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Pursue: to follow or chase something. Thus “pursue” goes with the context.

**Q25. I am sorry I am late, I was \_\_\_\_\_ up in traffic.**

- (a) held
- (b) delayed
- (c) detained
- (d) stuck

**S25. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Held up: to stuck, thus option A is the correct choice.

**Q26. The current \_\_\_\_\_ in global negotiations over climate change has stalled progress on the issue.**

- (a) intransigence
- (b) transparency
- (c) stalemate
- (d) rigidity

**S26. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Stalemate: Stalemate is a situation in which neither side in an argument or contest can win or in which no progress is possible.

**Q27. During a depression even the affluent middle class struggles to \_\_\_\_\_ out a living.**

- (a) make
- (b) eke
- (c) pull
- (d) stretch

**S27. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Eke: manage to make a living with difficulty.

**Q28. Nobody gets \_\_\_\_\_ with a pretentious smug.**

- (a) along
- (b) up
- (c) about
- (d) through

**S28. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Along with: in company with or at the same time as; together with something.

**Q29. The meeting was presided \_\_\_\_ by the Chairman.**

- (a) over
- (b) upon
- (c) of
- (d) in

**S29. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Presided over: to be in charge of a situation or place.

**Q30. Crimes against women are \_\_\_\_\_ of the deep rooted patriarchal systems of our society.**

- (a) indications
- (b) manifestations
- (c) demonstrations
- (d) explanations

**S30. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Manifestation: an event, action, or object that clearly shows or embodies something abstract or theoretical.



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