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Directions (1-2): In these questions some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and indicate it corresponding to the appropriate letter. If there is no error, indicate corresponding to the last option.

Q1. His maid servant behavior (A)/ is undoubtedly indecent (B)/ but I don't understand how he tolerates it (C)/ No Error (D).

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

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace "servant" with "servant's". The presence of the noun 'behavior' after 'servant' justifies the use of 's and meaning of the sentence. Hence option 'A' has the error.

Q2. The issues are very complex (A)/ and the problem is that they are bound to be obscured (B)/ by these hypocritical politicians (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S2. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

Directions (3-4): In the following question, 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.

Q3. The affluent life styles of contemporary politicians are in sharp contrast to the _____ways of living of the freedom fighters.

- (a) agnostic
- (b) stingy
- (c) consoled
- (d) austere

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. Austere: (of living conditions or a way of life) having no comforts or luxuries.

Hence option D is the correct choice.

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Q4. The older generation is _____ in its outlook and hence cannot tolerate independent ideas of the youngsters.

- (a) paradox
- (b) liberal
- (c) orthodox
- (d) restricted

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. Orthodox: following or conforming to the traditional or generally accepted rules or beliefs of a religion, philosophy, or practice.

Hence option C is the correct choice.

Directions (5-6): Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q5. STERNUTATION

- (a) Hardening
- (b) Sneezing
- (c) Trepidation
- (d) Reversal

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. Sternutation: the action of sneezing.

Hence Sternutation and Sneezing are synonyms to each other.

Q6. INCINERATE

- (a) shake
- (b) burn
- (c) polish
- (d) abuse

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. Incinerate: destroy (something, especially waste material) by burning.

Hence Incinerate and Burn are synonyms to each other.

Directions (7-8): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word and click the button corresponding to it.

Q7. REPINE

- (a) Gripe
- (b) Rejoice
- (c) Quibble
- (d) Bleat

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. Repine: to express dissatisfaction, pain or resentment usually tiresomely.

Gripe: complain about something in a persistent, irritating way.

Rejoice: feel or show great joy or delight.

Quibble: argue or raise objections about a trivial matter.

Bleat: make a characteristic weak, wavering cry.

Hence Repine and Rejoice are antonyms to each other.

Q8. SAPIENT

- (a) Imbecile
- (b) Sage
- (c) Perceptive
- (d) Discerning

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. Sapient: having or showing deep understanding and intelligent application of knowledge.

Imbecile: stupid; idiotic.

Hence Sapient and Imbecile are antonyms to each other.

Directions (9-10): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Q9. Look over one's shoulder

- (a) Watch for danger or threats to oneself
- (b) To ignore a person's request
- (c) To be obsessed with one's own semblance
- (d) To take attention or credit away from someone else

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option A is the correct meaning.

Q10. Hand over first

- (a) To be dexterous
- (b) To do something that prevents an activity from continuing
- (c) To announce your intention of entering a competition
- (d) At a very fast pace

S10. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option D is the correct meaning.

Directions (11-15): In the following question, 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.

Q11. The cafe is a good place to take a breather with the family post shopping or to even leave _____ dads to relax with your tot, while you shop uninterrupted.

- (a) Preposterous
- (b) Reluctant
- (c) Lanky
- (d) Sturdy

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Preposterous: utterly absurd or ridiculous.

Reluctant: not willing to do something and therefore slow to do it.

Lanky: ungracefully thin and tall.

Hence Option B fits in the context.

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Q12. _____ of fraud have prompted Ayushman Bharat administrators to announce that some key treatments should be availed through public sector institutions.

- (a) Amalgamation
- (b) Animosity
- (c) Apprehensions
- (d) Austerity

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. Apprehension: anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen.

Austerity: sternness or severity of manner or attitude.

Hence Option C fits in the context.

Q13. A reader wrote to us wondering whether discussions on technological disruptions and their impact on the news ecology are a ____ to deflect attention from the failings of the news media.

- (a) Problem
- (b) Protest
- (c) Promotion
- (d) Ploy

S13. Ans.(d)

Sol. Ploy: a cunning plan or action designed to turn a situation to one's own advantage.

Hence option D fits in the context.

Q14. This is what distinguishes it not only from tabloids, _____ numerous websites where the focus is on views.

- (a) but also through
- (b) but also from
- (c) but from
- (d) yet from

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'But also from' is the correct choice as 'not only'.....'but also' is the correct conjunction pair. Also the 'preposition' used in precedent part will be used in subsequent part as well.

Hence option B fits in the context.

Q15. The Rules mandates DoT to take _____ action under the license norms and also seize the equipment, if a telecom operator fails to adhere to them,

- (a) Discreet
- (b) Refined
- (c) Punitive
- (d) Venial

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. Punitive: inflicting or intended as punishment.

Venial: (of a fault or offence) slight and pardonable.

Hence option C fits in the context.

Directions (16-20): In these questions some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and indicate it corresponding to the appropriate letters. If there is no error, indicate corresponding to the last option.

Q16. After we were driving for miles (A) / on the winding road (B) / I was suddenly sick. (C) / No error (D)

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

S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace "I was suddenly sick" with "I suddenly felt sick".

Q17. The forecast was for fair (A) / and warm weather (B) / and the day dawned dark and chill. (C) / No error (D)

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

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'and the day dawned dark and chill' with 'and the day turned dark and chill'. As 'Dawn' refers to the first appearance of light in the sky before sunrise. Hence 'Dawn' and 'Dark and chill' will be contrary to each other.

Q18. Beside (A) / his mother he has two aunts (B) / who stay with him. (C) / No error (D)

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

S18. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'beside' with 'besides'.

Q19. Either the operator (A) / or the foreman are (B) / to blame for the accident. (C) / No error (D)

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

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'are' with 'is'. As subject 'foreman' after 'or' is singular. Hence singular verb will be used.

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Q20. She dislikes (A) / you being most organized (B) / than she is. (C) / No error (D)

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

S20. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'most' with 'more'. As the comparison is between only 'two persons'.

Directions (21-30): In the following questions, some parts of the sentence have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. If a sentence is free from error, mark (D) as your answer.

Q21. The new device (A)/aims at eliminating (B)/the risk of short-circuiting. (C)/No error (D)

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

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Short-circuiting' is a present participle form of the verb 'short-circuit' while we need a noun to make a 'noun' of 'noun' composition. Hence noun 'short-circuit' will replace verb 'short-circuiting'.

Q22. I wish to heartily (A)/congratulate you for (B)/your astounding success. (C)/No error (D)

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

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct preposition to use with 'congratulate' is 'on'. Hence replace 'for' with 'on'.

Q23. 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

S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. Use 'aimed at providing' in place of 'aimed to provide' as aim will take appropriate preposition 'at' with it. And after prepositions, the use of Gerund (V1+ing) is must. Hence 'aimed at providing' is the correct usage.

Q24. Seldom or ever have I (A)/ tried my best to defend my friends, (B)/ who are after all guilty to some extent. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'or' with 'if' / 'ever' with 'never'.

'Seldom, if ever' and 'seldom or never' are the correct phrases.

Q25. I was more thrilled (A) / in anticipation (B) / of a long journey (C) / by train. (D)

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

S25. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'more' with 'very'.

Q26. All the members (A)/ of the Board are kindly (B)/ requested to appear in the next meeting. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. Remove 'kindly' as 'Kindly' & 'Requested' can't be used together because Kindly, itself is used to make a request in Active Voice.

Q27. An experimental vaccine has (A)/brought glimmer of hope (B)/ for the malarial researchers. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S27. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'a' will be used before glimmer.

When we mention something for the first time, we use a/an (Indef. Article) before them.

Q28. Pakistan's support to the terrorists of (A)/ any country should be universally (B)/ condemned by all (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S28. Ans.(c)

Sol. Remove 'by all' as its usage is superfluous with 'universally'. 'Universally' itself means 'accepted by all or acknowledged by all'.

Q29. This happened (A) just exactly (B) five years ago.(C) No Error (D)

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

S29. Ans.(b)

Sol. Usage of 'just' and 'exactly' together is superfluous. Hence, either 'just' or 'exactly' is to be used before 'five years ago'.

Q30. Within an hour's journey we (A)/ will approach (B)/ near Mumbai (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S30. Ans.(c)

Sol. Use of 'near' is redundant here. As 'approach' means 'to come near'.

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