



Practice Test-1

Number of questions: 30

Time Allowed: 30 mins.

Directions for questions 1 to 5 : Fill in the following blanks with the appropriate choices.

1. For almost seven years, Mrs Jacob _____ unable to move her head.
(a) was (b) looks
(c) had been (d) is
2. Biofeedback training is based on the _____ that we can gain control of our bodily functions.
(a) understanding (b) aspect
(c) feeling (d) premise
3. The sharp cracking of a twig along with a bird's _____ made a great impact on him.
(a) cry (b) shriek
(c) squawk (d) scream
4. It is possible to listen to _____ as well as to sound, just as it is possible to see both light and shadow.
(a) music (b) silence
(c) instrument (d) voice
5. He prefers swimming _____ any other sport.
(a) than (b) over
(c) to (d) against

Directions for questions 6 to 10: In each of the following sentences, a part of the sentence is underlined. Four different ways of phrasing the underlined part are indicated beneath each sentence. Choose the best alternative among the four given options.

6. He considers me as a fool.
(a) I as a fool (b) me for a fool
(c) I for a fool (d) me a fool
7. The accountant has already given the balance sheet.
(a) already gave (b) already give
(c) already given (d) allready given
8. Jack may be a better player to me.
(a) a better player than me
(b) a better player than I
(c) the better player to me
(d) the better player than I
9. He not only was competent but also intelligent.
(a) Not only he was competent
(b) He was not competent
(c) Not only was he competent
(d) He was competent not only
10. There have been heavy rainfall since yesterday.
(a) have been strong rainfall
(b) has been strong rainfall
(c) has been heavy rainfall
(d) was been heavy rainfall

Directions for questions 11 to 20: In each of the following questions, a word is followed by four alternatives. Choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

11. Ostensible
(a) Absurd (b) Obvious
(c) Practical (d) Apparent
12. Serendipitous
(a) Accidental (b) Selective
(c) Discriminate (d) Pure
13. Murky
(a) Ugly (b) Dangerous
(c) Gloomy (d) Lazy
14. Gregarious
(a) Sociable (b) Turbulent
(c) Pugnacious (d) Clumsy
15. Accost
(a) Hesitate (b) Speculate
(c) Bargain (d) Confront
16. Sagacity
(a) Morality (b) Wisdom
(c) Sanity (d) Uprightness
17. Angst
(a) Anxiety (b) Pride
(c) Modesty (d) Simplicity
18. Vulgar
(a) Enthusiastic (b) Wild
(c) Coarse (d) Noisy

19. Umbrage
 (a) Sensitive (b) Shabbiness
 (c) Premature (d) Resentment
20. Hiatus
 (a) Break (b) Contempt
 (c) Tight (d) Narrow

Directions for questions 21 to 25 : Identify the word which has the correct spelling.

21. (a) Perseverance (b) Persevirance
 (c) Persiverance (d) Persivirance
22. (a) Recieve (b) Receive
 (c) Recive (d) Riceive
23. (a) Opthalmolgy (b) Opthalmology
 (c) Optometrist (d) Opitician
24. (a) Comission (b) Commision
 (c) Comision (d) Commission
25. (a) Discipline (b) Disciplene
 (c) Dicsipline (d) Discepline

Directions for questions 26 to 30: Identify the part of the sentence that contains a grammatical or spelling error. Mark that part as your answer.

26. Ram asked me whether I had a car
 (a) (b)
and would I pick him up.
 (c) (d)
27. Everybody among the guests were enjoying
 (a)
his drink when the theft took place.
 (b) (c) (d)
28. Although these buildings are in need of repair
 (a) (b)
there have been much improvement in their
 (c)
appearance.
 (d)
29. I am disappointed in not having saw
 (a) (b)
a single stage play while I was in Baroda.
 (c) (d)
30. Americans are accustomed drinking coffee
 (a) (b) (c)
with their meals.
 (d)



Answer Key

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



Explanations

1. a Since the action is in the past tense, the verb will be 'was'.
2. d The answer is 'premise' because a premise is a basis for any logical deduction.
3. c The sound made by a bird is 'squawk'.
4. b The blank word has to be the opposite of sound as 'light' and 'shadow' are opposites. 'silence' is the correct option.
5. c We normally say 'preferto....'
6. d There is no need to use *as*.
7. c (c) has the right tense structure.
8. b The complete sentence should read ... *better player than I (am)*.
9. c 'Not only was he competent' has the right idiomatic structure.
10. c 'Has been heavy rainfall' is the correct option.
11. d 'Ostensible' means apparent or seeming to be true.
12. a 'Serendipitous' means to come upon or find by accident.
13. c 'Murky' means gloomy, cloudy or dark.
14. a A 'Gregarious' person is sociable.
15. d To 'Accost' is to confront someone and talk to him/her in an unfriendly way.
16. b 'Sagacity' is to be as wise as a sage.
17. a 'Angst' is to be anxious and worried.
18. c A 'vulgar' joke is coarse and not refined.
19. d 'Umbrage' is a feeling of resentment caused by being offended.
20. a A 'Hiatus' is a break in something, or interruption in continuity.
26. c It should be 'whether I would' instead of 'would I'.
27. a 'Everybody' is a universal pronoun, which should be followed by a verb in the singular case, i.e. 'was' and not 'were'.
28. c 'Improvement' is singular case pronoun, so the verb should be 'has' and not 'have'.
29. b 'Not having saw' is grammatically wrong, say 'not having seen'.
30. b The statement should read 'accustomed to'.