

# English Sample Paper - 3

## SECTION-IA : ENGLISH

Directions (Q. 1-3): In the following questions some of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is the answer. If a sentence is free from error, then your answer is (d) i.e. No error.

1. I had (a)/a test in Mathematics (b)/today morning. (c)/No error (d).
2. A girl must be gracious (a)/if she wishes (b)/to be a ballerina. (c)/No error. (d).
3. In a very harsh tone (a)/he shouted at his servants (b)/and told them that he does not need their services. (c)/No error. (d)

Directions (Q. 4-5): In the following questions, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part (a), (b) and (c) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (d).

4. His acting is too good.  
(a) best  
(b) much better  
(c) very good  
(d) No improvement
5. The novel consists a thousand pages.  
(a) comprises of  
(b) consists of  
(c) composes  
(d) No improvement

Directions (Q. 6-10): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and

try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.

My aunt Myra is strangely like a thunderstorm when she is angry. Like a bright, sunny day that is usually the (6) to a storm, her normal(7) suddenly begins to cloud. As the day(8) and a few and thunderclaps roll out she also darkens and begins to(9). The bolts get more and more (10) until finally the rain begins.

6. (a) interlude (b) preface  
(c) epilogue (d) prelude
7. (a) complexion (b) inclination  
(c) proposition (d) disposition
8. (a) darkens (b) advances  
(c) dawns (d) brightens
9. (a) scream (b) explode  
(c) break (d) shout
10. (a) rare (b) scarce  
(c) frequent (d) common

Directions (Q. 11-13): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

11. A small room in a big house, hotel, ship etc. where glasses dishes, spoons, food etc. are kept.  
(a) Portico (b) Pantry  
(c) Mezzanine (d) Kitchen
12. A foreigner who settles in a country.  
(a) Immigrant (b) Emigrant  
(c) Alien (d) Visitor
13. Doing something according to one's own free will.  
(a) Wilfully  
(b) Obliginglly

- (c) Voluntarily
- (d) Compulsorily

Directions (Q. 14-15): In the following questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase printed in bold in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the given idiom/Phrase.

14. She was on the horns of a dilemma as she had either to leave her job or divorce her husband.  
(a) In nervous condition  
(b) in terrible mood  
(c) in difficult situation  
(d) in suspense.
15. He died in harness.  
(a) ceased to live  
(b) died of a disease  
(c) died for his country  
(d) died while working

Directions (Q. 16-17): In the following questions, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

16. Foment:  
(a) repulse (b) cease  
(c) control (d) quell
17. Tardy:  
(a) Prompt (b) Gradual  
(c) Late (d) Quick

Directions (Q. 18-20): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word as your answer.

18. Enigma  
(a) truth (b) fear  
(c) difficulty (d) puzzle

19. Concurrence  
 (a) occurrence (b) conquest  
 (c) currency (d) agreement

20. Espionage  
 (a) planning (b) pioneering  
 (c) litneage (d) spying

Directions (Q. 21-25): Read the given passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the four given alternatives.

#### Passage

Television can be very helpful to people who carefully choose the shows that they watch. It can increase our knowledge of the outside world. On the other hand, there are several serious disadvantages of television. In some countries, people watch the 'boob-tube' for an average of six hours or more a day. Many children stare at a television screen for more hours each day than they do anything else including studying and sleeping. Many studies show that people become more violent after certain programmes. The most negative effect of the television might be people's addiction to it.

21. Television can be useful to people:  
 (a) if they become violent  
 (b) if they follow only a particular programme  
 (c) if they get addicted to it  
 (d) if they carefully choose the shows that they watch
22. What do children of some countries do more than studying and sleeping?  
 (a) playing with friends  
 (b) relaxing at home  
 (c) watching television  
 (d) fighting with each other
23. What do the reports of many studies reveal?  
 (a) People are becoming fat, always sitting in front of the T.V.  
 (b) People are neglecting their work because of T.V  
 (c) People become more violent after certain programmes  
 (d) People are watching all the programmes

24. 'Boob-tube' means:  
 (a) A programme (b) A colour tube  
 (c) Television (d) Telephone
25. The worst effect of Television is that it:  
 (a) affects their mind violently  
 (b) can be very boring  
 (c) makes people addicted to it  
 (d) is making people lazy
26. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.  
 Do not park your car in front of my house.  
 (a) My house should not be parked in front of your car.  
 (b) Your car need not be parked in front of my house.  
 (c) Your car could not be parked in front of my house.  
 (d) Your car should not be parked in front of my house.
27. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.  
 A person, animal or plant belonging originally to a place.  
 (a) Occupant (b) Alien  
 (c) Native (d) Resident
28. Select the antonym of the given word.  
 Escalate  
 (a) Raise (b) Enlarge  
 (c) Reduce (d) Heighten
29. Select the antonym of the given word.  
 Tender  
 (a) Rough (b) Warm  
 (c) Gentle (d) Soft
30. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.  
 The state government argued that it could not ..... the increase in the teachers.  
 (a) Spare (b) Get  
 (c) Stand (d) Afford
31. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.  
 A. That sort of pollution, which is also widespread in other south-east Asian nations, regularly

- kills wildlife like whales and turtles that ingest the waste.
- B. Environmental groups have tagged the Philippines as one of the world's biggest ocean polluters due to its reliance on single-use plastic.
- C. In Thailand also, a whale died last year after swallowing more than 80 plastic bags.
- D. In the latest case, a whale with 40 kilos of plastic trash in its stomach died on Saturday in southern Philippines where it was stranded a day earlier.
- (a) ABCD (b) BADC  
 (c) DABC (d) BCAD
32. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.  
 Scientists at Cambridge University are ..... how plants can give us sustainable energy.  
 (a) scrutinising (b) investigating  
 (c) inspecting (d) looking
33. Select the wrongly spelt word.  
 (a) Comparison  
 (b) Communication  
 (c) Compitition  
 (d) Comparable
34. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No improvement'.  
 I look for a better job for the last two months, but nothing is in sight.  
 (a) have looked for a better job  
 (b) looked for a better job  
 (c) have been looking for a better job  
 (d) No improvement
35. Select the correct active form of the given sentence.  
 The main gate of the building was being guarded by gun-totting guards.  
 (a) The main gate of the building were guarding gun-totting guards.  
 (b) Gun-totting guards were guarding the main gate of the building.

- (c) Gun-totting guards have been guarding the main gate of the building.  
(d) Gun-totting guards guarded the main gate of the building.

36. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.  
Due to the Cyclone Idai, vast areas of land have been flooded, roads destroyed and communications disrupting in Zimbabwe and Mosambique.

- (a) vast areas of land have been flooded  
(b) roads destroyed  
(c) Due to the Cyclone Idai  
(d) and communications disrupting

37. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Costs an arm and a leg

- (a) Rarely available  
(b) Easy to obtain  
(c) Nothing to lose  
(d) Very expensive

Directions (38–42): In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

#### PASSAGE

An Italian mayor has been cleaning the streets along with his councillors after their town ...(38)... with no manual workers, it's reported. In fact (39)... was sweeping the pizza in front of the (40)... church in preparation for market day, ...(41)... the deputy mayor's father and a town councilor armed with a high-pressure hose. The town Zerfaliu's last ...(42)... retired six months ago and nobody has been hired since then. "We can't do anything. We are blocked by bureaucracy," the mayor says.

38. (a) leaves (b) was left  
(c) was leaving (d) has left  
39. (a) they (b) it  
(c) she (d) he  
40. (a) next (b) near  
(c) neighbour (d) local

41. (a) as well (b) alongside  
(c) also (d) along

42. (a) mayor (b) councillor  
(c) worker (d) member

43. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

1. Elephant tusks were tracked from the Democratic Republic of Congo for two months.
2. Customs officials in Thailand say it's the biggest seizure in the country's history.
3. Four tonnes of ivory, with a market value of \$6 million—it was an impressive haul
4. Officials say they were being transported of Laos, from where they believed the ivory would be sold to customers across Asia.

- (a) CBAD (b) ABCD  
(c) ACDB (d) CABD

44. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) Exemplify (b) Example  
(c) Exhale (d) Exempt

45. Select the synonym of the given word.

Garrulous

- (a) Talkative (b) Concise  
(c) Throaty (d) Guttral

46. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No improvement'.

If you join this job nobit proves to be good in the long run.

- (a) No improvement  
(b) it has proved to be good  
(c) it proves good  
(d) it will prove to be good

47. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

She got two quick promotions in order that she has good communication skills.

- (a) two quick promotions  
(b) in order that  
(c) she has good communication skills  
(d) She got

48. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.  
Get out of hand

- (a) Get upset  
(b) Give up something  
(c) Get out of control  
(d) To complete a task

49. Select the synonym of the given word.

Tilt

- (a) Support (b) Cross  
(b) Straighten (c) Slant

50. Select the word which means the same as the group or words given.

A person without a settled home or regular work who wanders from place to place and lives by begging.

- (a) Vagrant  
(b) Truant  
(c) Itinerant  
(d) Migrant

## Answers with Explanations

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1.(b) Here, a preposition related error occurs. Hence, atest on Mathematics..... should be used.

2. (d) No error.

3. (c) Here, principal clause is in past tense. Hence, them that he did not need their service should be used.

4. (c) very good

5. (b) consists of

6. (d) prelude

7. (d) disposition

8. (a) darkens

9.(b) explode

10. (c) frequent

11. (b) Pantry

12. (a) Immigrant

13. (c) Voluntarily

14. (c)Idiomon the horns of a dilemma means : in a situation in which you have to make a choice between things that are equally unpleasant.

15. (d) Idiom die in harness means : to die while working.

16.(d)The wordFoment (verb)means: stimulate; excite; incite; to create trouble or violence or make it worse.

The wordquell (Verb) means : to stop or reduce storn or unpleasant feelings; to stop something such as violent behaviour or protests.

17. (a) The word Tardy (Adjective) mens : slow to act, move or happen; late in happening.

The wordPrompt (Adjective) means: immediate; done without delay; punctual.

18. (d) The word Enigma (Noun) means : puzzle; mystery; a person, thing or situation that is mysterious and difficult to understand.

19. (d) The wordConcurrence (Noun) means : agreement; an example of two or more things happening at the same time.

20. (d) The word Espionage (No un) means : spying; the activity of secretly

getting important political or military information about other country etc.

21. (d) If they carefully choose the shows that they watch.

22. (c) Watching television

23. (c) People become more violent after certain programmes.

24. (c) Telephone

25. (c) Makes people addicted to it.

26. (d) Rules for changing active form to passive voice:

- Places of subject and object will be interchanged in the sentence.

- Only 3rd form of the verb or past participle will be used as a main verb in the passive voice.

27. (c) Native: a person born in a specified place or associated with a place by birth, whether subsequently resident there or not.

28. (c) Opposite of Escalate is: Reduce: make smaller or less in amount, degree or size.

29. (a) Opposite of tender is: Rough: having an uneven or irregular surface; not smooth or level.

30. (d) 'Afford' meaning 'have enough money to pay for' is the perfectly fit word to fill the blank.

31. (b) Logical order of the four jumbled sentences is → BADC

32. (b) 'Investigating' meaning 'carrying out research or study into a scientific or academic field' is the perfectly fit word to fill the blank.

33. (c) Correct spelling → Competition.

34. (c) For the improvement of the sentence, use 'I have been looking for a better job' in place of 'I look for a better job'.

35. (b) Rules for changing passive form to active voice:

- Identify the subject of the sentence—who is doing an action?

- Rewrite the sentence so the subject is performing the action.

36. (d) 'Communications disrupting' must be replaced with 'Communications disrupted' form a grammatically correct sentence.

37. (d) The idiom 'Costs an arm and a leg' means 'is extremely expensive'.

38. (b) Best option for blank → was left.

39. (d) Best option for blank → he

40. (d) Best option for blank → local

41. (b) Best option for blank → alongside.

42. (c) Best option for blank→ worker.

43. (a) Logical order of the four jumbled sentences is → CBAD.

44. (a) Correct spelling is → 'exemplify' meaning 'be a typical example of'.

45. (a) Garrulous/Talkative: excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters; fond of or given to talking.

46. (d) For the improvement of the sentence, use 'it will prove to be good' in place of 'it proves to be good'.

47. (b) 'In order' means 'according to a particular sequence'. The sentence requires a conjunction which means 'for the reason that; since'. 'Because' is the perfect replacement of 'in order that' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

48. (c) If a situation gets out of hand, it cannot be controlled any longer.

Sentence → Two men in the club had an argument that 'got out of hand' and the security guards were called.

49. (d) Tilt/Slant: move or cause to move into a sloping position; slope or lean in a particular direction.

50. (a) Vagrant: a person without a settled home or regular work who wanders from place to place and lives by begging.