



## Practice Test-2

Number of questions: 30

Time Allowed: 30 mins.

**Directions for questions 1 to 5:** Fill in the following blanks with the most appropriate choice.

- The student \_\_\_\_\_ the conversation without waiting for the speaker to stop talking.  
(a) interpreted (b) intuned  
(c) interrupted (d) interfered
- I could not finish the work in time because I was very \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) energetic (b) fatigue  
(c) lazy (d) tired
- I am \_\_\_\_\_ to having a hearty breakfast in the morning.  
(a) fond (b) liking  
(c) desirous (d) used
- Primitive men probably \_\_\_\_\_ eclipses of the sun and the moon a source of awe and terror.  
(a) discovered (b) created  
(c) regarded (d) believed
- Martha's appeal for mercy was met with a \_\_\_\_\_ response from her kidnapper.  
(a) callous (b) hard  
(c) curious (d) fantabulous

**Directions for questions 6 to 10:** Identify the word which has the correct spelling.

- (a) Glycerene (b) Glycirine  
(c) Glycerine (d) Glycirene
- (a) Conspicous (b) Conspicuous  
(c) Conspicuos (d) Conspicus
- (a) Infloresence (b) Inflorecence  
(c) Infloresense (d) Inflorescence
- (a) Unconciuous (b) Unconsious  
(c) Unconsciuous (d) Unconscious
- (a) Vicissitude (b) Viccissitude  
(c) Viccisitude (d) Vicisitude

**Directions for questions 11 to 15:** The following passage contains blanks that are to be filled in with an appropriate word from the four given options. Choose the best word from the given alternatives.

I make lists to keep my ...**11**... level down. If I write down 15 things to be done, I ...**12**... that vague, nagging

sense that there are an overwhelming ...**13**... of things to be done, all of which are on the ...**14**... of being forgotten. Ed, on the other hand, controls his ...**15**... precisely by forgetting them.

- (a) anxiety (b) blood  
(c) tension (d) shopping
- (a) win (b) lose  
(c) gain (d) get
- (a) sense (b) number  
(c) list (d) time
- (a) edge (b) brim  
(c) verge (d) curve
- (a) accuracy (b) stress  
(c) money (d) statement

**Directions for questions 16 to 20:** Read each of the following sentences to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. Mark the number of that part as the answer.

- The music teacher (a)/ let (b)/ Radhika and I (c)/ play the piano (d).
- Falling on the (a)/ roof, the rain (b)/ attached (c)/ my attention (d).
- The dog (a)/ barks loud (b)/ whenever it sees (c)/ a stranger (d).
- She is (a)/ more older (b)/ to (c)/ her sister (d).
- Your stomach (a)/ can hold (b)/ about a (c)/litre of foods (d).

**Directions for questions 21 to 25:** The following passage contains blanks that are to be filled in with an appropriate word from the four given options. Choose the best word from the given alternatives.

After a cancer scare, I was warned ...**21**... pursuing my dream of having a baby. Still my brush with ...**22**... inspired me to try to find a child who was in ...**23**..., to save a ...**24**..., if I could not create one. So my husband and I decided to ...**25**... a child.

- (a) for (b) against  
(c) by (d) to
- (a) mortals (b) creation  
(c) mortality (d) fever

23. (a) danger (b) risk  
(c) fertility (d) awe
24. (a) death (b) conscious  
(c) life (d) purpose
25. (a) adopt (b) adapt  
(c) give (d) adept

**Directions for questions 26 to 30:** Fill in the following blanks with the appropriate choices.

26. Because of his excellent \_\_\_\_\_ skills, he could mesmerize the crowd with the power of his speech.  
(a) loquacious (b) convincing  
(c) presentation (d) oratory
27. The patriot was given a tumultuous welcome \_\_\_\_\_ his countrymen.  
(a) with (b) from  
(c) among (d) by

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28. There is no time like the \_\_\_\_\_ to start thinking about owning a house.  
(a) current (b) past  
(c) present (d) future
29. Practice will \_\_\_\_\_ pay its dividends.  
(a) finally (b) eventually  
(c) sooner (d) later
30. When certain kinds of monkeys are \_\_\_\_\_, they act just like human beings.  
(a) domesticated  
(b) pet  
(c) beaten  
(d) flattered



## Answer Key

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



## Explanations

1. c 'Interrupted' is the most logical answer.
2. d 'tired' is the most logical answer.
3. d 'used to ....' is the right usage. The other choices have different prepositions. For example, 'fond of...' have a liking towards...', 'desirous of...'.
4. c The answer is 'regarded' because it implies the 'treatment' the primitive men gave to the sun and the moon.
5. a 'Hard response' does not make sense. Also, one cannot figure out what is a 'curious response'. 'Callous' means 'cold hearted or indifferent' which is the most suitable choice.
11. a '*Anxiety*' is the best word to describe *vague, nagging sense*.
12. b '*Lose*' makes sense because the list helps matters.
13. b '*Number*' is the best choice because *15* is already mentioned once.
14. c '*Verge of being forgotten*' which means *almost forgotten* is the most appropriate phrase.
15. b '*Anxiety*' is a recurring theme in this paragraph. Hence, the correct word to be used is 'stress'.
16. c 'Me' as an object pronoun will replace 'I'.
17. c 'caught my attention' is the correct idiomatic usage.
18. b 'Loudly' as an adverb should be used to modify the verb 'barks'.
19. b Usage of 'elder' instead of 'more older' is correct as elder is used for individuals of the same family. The correct sentence is: 'she is elder to her sister'.
20. d use. . . 'a litre of food'.
21. b The usage of the word 'warned' before the blank gives us the hint that the word used in the blank has to be a negative one and hence 'against' is most appropriate.
22. c The correct word to be used here is 'mortality' because the author just survived a cancer scare, hence had a brush with *mortality*.
23. a The blank requires a negative word because the writer gives a hint before this blank that he is in search of a child who needs help. Hence, the correct answer is 'danger'.
24. c 'Life' is the correct word to be used as the writer gives a hint about saving a child if she is not able to create one.
25. a Keeping in mind the meaning of the entire paragraph, the word that would fit in the last blank is 'adopt' because the couple are planning to save the life of a child who needs help.
26. d A 'loquacious' person is a talkative person and need not be a good public speaker. So, choice (a) is incorrect. It is hard to understand the relation of 'convincing' skills and power of speech. Choice (c) is wrong as presentation skills need not necessarily make a good orator. Thus, choice (d) is the correct answer.
27. d The answer should be 'by' as you are given something 'by' somebody. The other choices don't make sense grammatically.
28. c '*present*' is the best word that can fit in this commonly advocated sentence.
29. b 'eventually' is the correct word because the results of any practice come after some time.
30. a The correct word to be used here is 'domesticated', which means to train an animal to live in a human environment.