

I hope the end is not yet.

Still means that a situation, state, or action which began at an earlier time has continued right up to the present :

I still do not understand.

24. **And** joins two clauses of the same nature, **but** joins two antithetical clauses of quite opposite meaning :

e.g. It was lovely and warm outside.

It was a long walk but it was worth it.

25. **Hardly** refers to degree, while **scarcely** refers to quantity :

e.g. I hardly see how I can finish this work.

I have scarcely enough money for my own needs.

26. Words like **divide** and **share** are followed by **between** when we use several singular nouns :

e.g. I divided my time between teaching, writing and delivering lecture.

I shared his property between his wife, his son and his daughter.

27. In relative sentences **any** is usually followed by **that**, not by **which** or **who** :
e.g. Borrow any book that interests you.

28. **Since** is used as an adverb, as a preposition and also as a conjunction :
I met Raj last Tuesday but have not seen him since. (Adverb)

Ajay has eaten nothing since yesterday. (Preposition)

What have you done since we last met ? (Conjunction)

15. Spotting Errors

PRACTICE SET 1

Directions : In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'.

1. The road (a) / to famous monument (b) / passes through a forest (c) / No error (d) (Stenographer's Exam, 1995)
2. Our Housing Society comprises of (a) / six blocks and (b) / thirty three flats in an (c) / area of about thousand sq. metres. (d) / No error (e)
3. Now that she is living in her own flat, (a) / she cleans the windows, (b) / twice a week in the summer and once a week in the winter. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1993)
4. With little imagination and enterprise, (a) / the tournament could have been transformed (b) / into a major attraction (c) / No error (d)
5. These display (a) / the (b) / remarkable variety. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1992)
6. If you have faith in Almighty (a) / everything will turn out (b) / to be all right. (c) / No error (d)
7. According to the Bible (a) / it is meek and humble (b) / who shall inherit the earth. (c) / No error (d) (C.B.I. 1995)
8. I am not wealthy, (a) / so I cannot afford (b) / to buy a expensive car. (c) / No error (d)
9. Sunita opened a almirah (a) / full of books (b) / and took one of them (c) / for reading. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
10. Most people would have (a) / attended the union meeting (b) / if they had (c) / had longer notice of it. (d) / No error (e)
11. My father is (a) / in bad mood (b) / today. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
12. The need to set up (a) / a good library in the locality (b) / has been in the minds of people (c) / for some time now (d) / No error (e)
13. On my request (a) / Lalit introduced me (b) / to his friend (c) / who is singer and a scientist. (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
14. This town isn't very well known (a) / and there isn't much to see, (b) / so a few tourists come here. (c) / No error (d) (M.B.A. 1993)
15. He took to (a) / reading Times (b) / for better knowledge (c) / of the facts. (d) / No error (e)
16. The accelerating pace of life in our metropolitan city (a) / has had the tremendous effect (b) / on the culture and life-style of the people. (c) / No error (d) (I. Tax, 1992)
17. Both the civilians (a) / and armymen (b) / joined the First World War. (c) / No error (d)
18. The school is (a) / within hundred yards (b) / from my house. (c) / No error (d)
19. The majority of the (a) / computer professionals recommends (b) / that effective measures (c) / should be taken against software piracy. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1994)
20. He obtained good marks (a) / not only in English essay (b) / but also in arithmetic which was (c) / full of complicated calculations. (d) / No error (e)
21. The famous Dr. Chandra (a) / is only dentist (b) / in our village. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
22. This candidate lacks (a) / an experience (b) / otherwise he is well qualified. (c) / No error (d)
23. A person I met (a) / in the theatre (b) / was the playwright himself. (c) / No error (d) (U.D.C. 1994)
24. The war of Mahabharata (a) / is the full length illustration (b) / of a righteous war. (c) / No error (d)
25. The interviewer asked me (a) / if I knew that (b) / Kalidas was the greater (c) / than any other poet. (d) / No error (e)
26. The reason we have not been able to pay income tax (a) / is due to fact (b) / that we did not receive pay on time. (c) / No error (d) (S.S.C. 1993)
27. Even now when I see the spot (a) / I am reminded of an unique incident (b) / that took place several yeras ago. (c) / No error (d)
28. As soon as the teacher entered, (a) / everyone fell (b) / in a silence. (c) / No error (d)
29. As he had taken only a few sips (a) / there was still little water (b) / left in the glass. (c) / No error (d) (Central Excise, 1994)
30. As I was to reach (a) / early I left in aeroplane (b) / instead of (c) / going by train. (d) / No error (e)

31. To perform this experiment, (a) / drop little sugar (b) / into a glass of water. (c) / No error (d) (S.S.C. 1994)
32. It is written in Gita (a) / that God incarnates (b) / Himself (c) / in times of trouble. (d) / No error (e)
33. Troy was taken by Greeks ; (a) / this formed the basis of a story (b) / which has become famous. (c) / No error (d) (Central Excise, 1995)
34. These facts make it very clear (a) / that he had hand in the murder, (b) / though he still (c) / pleads innocence. (d) / No error (e)
35. A nationwide survey (a) / has brought up an (b) / interesting finding (c) / regarding infant mortality rate in India. (d) / No error (Bank P.O. 1991)
36. The man (a) / cannot live (b) / by bread alone. (c) / No error (d)
37. I go to the bed (a) / at eight (b) / every night. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
38. If a man diligently seeks to come into the contact (a) / with the best that has been thought and said in this world (b) / he will become simple and selfish. (c) / No error (d) (U.D.C. 1995)
39. Gangotri has special significance (a) / for the devout (b) / as it is considered as (c) / the abode of King Bhagirath who brought the Ganga down to the earth. (d) / No error (e)
40. The recent study has (a) / indicated that there (b) / is perceptible change in (c) / the attitudes of the people. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1994)
41. The disclosure of (a) / the synopsis of Thakkar Commission report (b) / on the assassination of Mrs. Indira Gandhi (c) / has raised several vital questions. (d) / No error (e)
42. He was fascinated by insects (a) / and the more he studied their habits (b) / greater was his fascination. (c) / No error (d) (Clerks' Grade, 1995)
43. We all (a) / must respect (b) / a honest person. (c) / No error (d)
44. With little patience (a) / you will be able to (b) / cross this hurdle. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographer's Exam, 1994)
45. He did not go (a) / to the city on foot, (b) / he went there (c) / by the train. (d) / No error (e)
46. My friends insisted (a) / that I should see the movie (b) / from beginning to the end. (c) / No error (d) (U.D.C. 1994)
47. Both optimists and pessimists contribute to society ; (a) / the optimist invents the aeroplane, (b) / the pessimist parachute. (c) / No error (d)
48. It being rainy day, (a) / we decided not to go out (b) / but to stay at home (c) / and watch a movie. (d) / No error (e)
49. By all standards (a) / he is a best soldier (b) / our military school (c) / has produced so far. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
50. No stronger (a) / a figure than his (b) / is prescribed in the history. (c) / No error (d)

ANSWERS

1. (b) : Add 'the' before 'famous' 'the' is used before particular objects.
2. (d) : Add 'a' before 'thousand'. Here, 'a' is before 'thousand'
3. (c) : Remove 'the' before 'winter' and 'summer'
4. (a) : Add 'a' before 'little'
5. (b) : Replace 'the' by 'a'
6. (a) : Add 'the' before 'Almighty'
7. (b) : Add 'the' before 'meek'
8. (c) : Replace 'a' by 'an' because 'expensive' begins with a vowel — e.
9. (a) : Replace 'a' by 'an'
10. (d) : Add 'a' before 'longer'
11. (b) : Add 'a' before 'bad mood'
12. (c) : Add 'the' before 'people'
13. (d) : Add 'a' before 'singer'
14. (c) : Remove 'a'
15. (b) : Add 'the' before 'Times'
16. (b) : Replace 'the' by 'a'
17. (b) : Add 'the' before 'armymen'
18. (b) : Add 'a' before 'hundred'. Here, 'a' is used for 'one'
19. (a) : The correct form is 'A majority of the ...'
20. (b) : Add 'the' before 'English essay'
21. (b) : Add 'the' before 'only'
22. (b) : Remove 'an'
23. (a) : Replace 'A' by 'The' 'The' is used before specified objects.
24. (a) : Add 'the' before 'Mahabharata'

25. (c) : Remove 'the' 'the' is used before superlative degree i.e. 'greatest'
26. (b) : Add 'the' before 'fact'
27. (b) : Replace 'an' by 'a' because unique begins with the sound 'yu' and 'y' is a consonant
28. (c) : Remove 'a'
29. (b) : Add 'a' before 'little'
30. (b) : Add 'an' before 'aeroplane'
31. (b) : Add 'a' before 'little'
32. (a) : Add 'the' before 'Gita'
33. (a) : Add 'the' before 'Greeks'
34. (b) : Add 'a' before 'hand'
35. (d) : Add 'the' before 'infant'
36. (a) : Remove 'the'
37. (a) : Remove 'the'
38. (a) : Remove 'the'
39. (a) : Add 'a' before 'special'
40. (c) : Add 'a' before 'perceptible'
41. (b) : Add 'the' before 'Thakkar Commission report'
42. (c) : Add 'the' before 'greater'
43. (c) : Replace 'a' by 'an' because in 'honest', 'h' is silent so that it begins with vowel sound 'o'
44. (a) : Add 'a' before 'little'
45. (d) : Remove 'the'
46. (c) : Add 'the' before 'beginning'
47. (c) : Add 'the' before 'parachute'
48. (a) : Add 'a' before 'rainy day'
49. (b) : Replace 'a' by 'the'
50. (c) : Remove 'the'

PRACTICE SET 2

Directions : In the questions given below, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'.

1. One of the most (a) / widely spread (b) / bad habit (c) / is the use of tobacco. (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
2. Recently I visited Kashmir (a) / and found the sceneries (b) / to be marvellous. (c) / No error (d)
3. All the furnitures have been (a) / sent to the new house (b) / located in a village. (c) / No error (d) (Section Officers', 1993)
4. The crowd of angry students (a) / ordered the (b) / closing of shops. (c) / No error (d)
5. They left (a) / their luggages (b) / at the railway station. (c) / No error (d)
6. The bus could not (a) / ascend the steep hill (b) / because it was in the wrong gears. (c) / No error (d) (I.E.S. 1994)
7. The Indian force (a) / drove away (b) / the chinese. (c) / No error (d)
8. The polling was marred (a) / at many a place (b) / by attempts at niggling. (c) / No error (d) (C.B.I. 1995)
9. His mouth watered (a) / when he saw (b) / a bouquet of grapes. (c) / No error (d)
10. My brother-in-laws (a) / who live in Bombay (b) / have come to stay with us. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1993)
11. The customer handed over (a) / a hundred-rupees note (b) / to the shopkeeper. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
12. These kind (a) / of shirts (b) / are rather expensive (c) / for him to buy. (d) / No error (e)
13. Yo can get (a) / all the informations you want (b) / in this book. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1993)
14. This article (a) / is not available in (b) / any of the shop (c) / in the market. (d) / No error (e)
15. The blinds (a) / deserve (b) / our sympathy. (c) / No error (d)
16. They have (a) / placed order (b) / for books. (c) / No error (d)
17. Students should not take part (a) / in party politics and political demonstrations (b) / as they interfere in serious study. (c) / No error (d) (C.B.I. 1995)
18. The flock of lions (a) / roamed about (b) / fearlessly in the jungle. (c) / No error (d)
19. I hav done my best ; (a) / the whole thing is now (b) / in the laps of the Gods. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1989)
20. Satyajit Ray, who conceived, co-authored (a) / and directed a number of good films, was (b) / one of India's most talented film maker. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
21. A trained gang of sailors (a) / was employed (b) / on the ship. (c) / No error (d)
22. The sound of (a) / a gun shot (b) / scattered the flock of birds. (c) / No error (d)

23. I saw (a) / a few children (b) / playing on sand. (c) / No error (d)
24. Interviews for (a) / the posts of lecturers (b) / will begin from Monday. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1993)
25. The rate of growing (a) / may be different for different people. (b) / but old age spares none. (c) / No error (d)

ANSWERS

1. (c) : Replace 'habit' by 'habits'.
 2. (b) : Replace 'sceneries' by 'scenery'.
 3. (a) : Replace 'furnitures' by 'furniture'.
 4. (a) : Replace 'crowd' by 'mob'.
 5. (b) : Replace 'luggages' by 'luggage'.
 6. (c) : Replace 'gears' by 'gear'.
 7. (a) : Replace 'force' by 'forces'.
 8. (b) : Replace 'a place' by 'places'.
 9. (c) : Replace 'bouquet' by 'bunch'.
 10. (a) : Replace 'brother-in-laws' by 'brothers-in-law'.
 11. (b) : Replace 'rupees' by 'rupee'.
 12. (a) : Replace 'kind' by 'kinds'.
 13. (b) : Replace 'informations' by 'information'.
 14. (c) : Replace 'shop' by 'shops'.
 15. (a) : Replace 'blinds' by 'blind'.
 16. (b) : Replace 'order' by 'orders'.
 17. (c) : Replace 'study' by 'studies'.
 18. (a) : Replace 'flock' by 'herd'.
 19. (c) : Replace 'laps' by 'lap'.
 20. (c) : Replace 'maker' by 'makers'.
 21. (a) : Replace 'gang' by 'crew'.
 22. (c) : Replace 'flock' by 'flight'.
 23. (c) : Replace 'sand' by 'sands'.
 24. (b) : Replace 'posts' by 'post'.
 25. (a) : Replace 'growing' by 'growth'.

PRACTICE SET 3

Directions : In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. If there is no error, mark your answer as 'No error'.

1. The interviewer asked the candidate (a) / to what district (b) / he came from. (c) / No error (d) (S.S.C. 1991)
2. The master did not know (a) / who of the servants (b) / broke the glass. (c) / No error (d)
3. The ruling party stood (a) / for implementation of the Bill (b) / and was ready to stake their political existence. (c) / No error (d) (Asstt. Grade, 1991)
4. This is the boy (a) / whom I think had won (b) / the gold medal in the Dance competition. (c) / No error (d)
5. Wherever they go, (a) / Indians easily adapt to (b) / local circumstances (c) / No error (d) (C.B.I. 1995)
6. He is (a) / taller (b) / than me. (c) / No error (d)
7. It is not easy for anyone to command (a) / respect from both one's friends as well as critics (b) / as Dr. Johnson did for his integrity and honesty. (c) / No error (d)
8. Mahatma Gandhi taught us (a) / that one should respect (b) / the religions of others (c) / as much as his own. (d) / No error (e)
9. He, you and I (a) / will manage (b) / this problem together. (c) / No error (d)
10. Was it him (a) / who got injured (b) / in an accident this morning. (c) / No error (d)
11. I suppose (a) / you have heard the latest news (b) / John has married that girl. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1994)
12. As soon as he (a) / saw his mother (b) / he ran to her (c) / and embraced. (d) / No error (e)
13. Due to me being a newcomer (a) / I was unable to get a house (b) / suitable for my wife and me. (c) / No error (d) (Assistant Grade, 1996)
14. The audience (a) / are requested (b) / to be in its seats. (c) / No error (d)
15. The scientist must follow (a) / his hunches and his data (b) / wherever it may lead. (c) / No error (d) (Assistant Grade, 1996)
16. He is the general (a) / whom the reporters agree (b) / was most popular with the troops. (c) / No error (d)
17. There is no question (a) / of my failing (b) / in the examination. (c) / No error (d) (I.E.S. 1994)

18. The number of vehicles (a) / plying on this road (b) / is more than on the main road. (c) / No error (d)
19. Being a destitute, (a) / I admitted him (b) / to an old people's home. (c) / No error (d) (Clerks' Grade, 1991)
20. This is not the (a) / sense which (b) / concerns us here. (c) / No error (d)
21. One should make (a) / his best efforts (b) / if one wishes to achieve (c) / success in this organisation. (d) / No error (e)
22. May I (a) / know who you want (b) / to see please. (c) / No error (d) (Hotel Management, 1996)
23. Our is the only (a) / country in the world (b) / than can boast of (c) / unity in diversity. (d) / No error (e)
24. Last summer he went (a) / to his uncle's village, (b) / and enjoyed very much. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1994)
25. If I were him, (a) / I would have taught (b) / those cheats a lesson. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers Exam, 1994)
26. Those sort of people (a) / usually do not (b) / earn fame in society. (c) / No error (d)
27. He could not plan his strategy (a) / until he knew (b) / whom his opponents could be. (c) / No error (d) (Railways, 1993)
28. Being a very (a) / hot day I (b) / remained indoors. (c) / No error (d) (Asstt. Grade, 1995)
29. Concurrent with this programme, (a) / educational institutions may be urged (b) / to inculcate patriotism (c) / in each and every one of its pupils. (d) / No error (e)
30. In spite of the doctor's stern warning, (a) / he continued taking (b) / sugar in his tea. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
31. Had I come (a) / to know about (b) / his difficulties (c) / I would have certainly helped. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1994)
32. One of them (a) / forget to take their bag (b) / from the school. (c) / No error (d)
33. Mr. Sunil Pawar, our representative, (a) / he will attend the meeting (b) / on our behalf. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1995)
34. Being a destitute, (a) / I admitted him (b) / to an old peoples' home. (c) / No error (d)
35. If the teacher is good (a) / the students (b) / will respond (c) / positively to them. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1995)
36. Just before the race (a) / I asked him (b) / whom he thought (c) / was going to win. (d) / No error (e)
37. It is not difficult to believe that a man (a) / who has lived in this city for a long time (b) / he will never feel at home anywhere else in the world. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1996)
38. Each girl was (a) / given a bunch of flowers, (b) / which pleased her very much. (c) / No error (d)
39. The party chief made it a point to state that (a) / the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister should also come (b) / and they see what his party men had seen. (c) / No error (d) (Assistant Grade, 1996)
40. I going there (a) / will not solve (b) / this complicated problem. (c) / No error (d)
41. As it was Rajan's (a) / first interview he dressed him (b) / in his most (c) / formal suit. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1994)
42. Whatever work (a) / that which you undertake (b) / put your best efforts (c) / in it. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1995)
43. The superintendent of police has announced that those who are found guilty of breach of peace (a) / or of taking the law into their own hands (b) / they will be taken to task. (c) / No error (d)
44. Myself and Gopalan (a) / will take care of (b) / the function on Sunday. (c) / No error (d) (Hotel Management, 1996)

ANSWERS

1. (b) : Replace 'to what' by 'which'.
 2. (b) : Replace 'who' by 'which'.
 3. (c) : Replace 'their' by 'its'.
 4. (b) : Replace 'whom' by 'who'.
 5. (b) : Add 'themselves' after 'adapt'.
 6. (c) : Replace 'me' by 'I'.
 7. (b) : Add 'one's' before 'critics'.
 8. (d) : Replace 'his' by 'one's'.
 9. (a) : The correct form is 'You, he and I'.
 10. (a) : Replace 'him' by 'he'.
 11. (a) : Add 'that' after 'suppose'.
 12. (d) : Add 'her' after 'embraced'.
 13. (a) : Replace 'me' by 'my'.
 14. (c) : Replace 'its' by 'their'.
 15. (c) : Replace 'it' by 'they'.
 16. (b) : Replace 'whom' by 'who'.
 17. (b) : Replace 'my' by 'me'.
 18. (c) : Add 'that' after 'than'.

19. (a) : Add 'He' before 'being'
20. (b) : Replace 'which' by 'that'
21. (b) : Replace 'his' by 'one's'
22. (b) : Replace 'who' by 'whom'
23. (b) : Replace 'our' by 'ours'
24. (c) : Add 'himself' after 'enjoyed'
25. (a) : Replace 'him' by 'he'
26. (a) : Replace 'Those' by 'That'
27. (c) : Replace 'whom' by 'who'
28. (a) : Add 'It' before 'being'
29. (d) : Replace 'its' by 'their'
30. (c) : Remove 'his'
31. (d) : Add 'him' after 'helped'
32. (b) : Replace 'their' by 'his'

33. (b) : Remove 'he'
34. (a) : Add 'He' before 'being'
35. (d) : Replace 'them' by 'him'
36. (c) : Replace 'whom' by 'who'
37. (c) : Remove 'he'
38. (c) : Replace 'her' by 'them'
39. (c) : Remove 'they'
40. (a) : Replace 'I' by 'My'
41. (b) : Replace 'him' by 'himself'
42. (b) : Remove 'that which'
43. (c) : Remove 'they'
44. (a) : Replace 'Myself and Gopalan' by 'Gopalan and I'

PRACTICE SET 4

Directions : In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error. The error may be idiomatic or grammatical. If the sentence is correct, the answer is 'No error'.

1. The widely publicised manifesto (a) / of the new party (b) / is not much different than ours. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1994)
2. I was taken with surprise (a) / when I saw (b) / the glamorous Appu Ghar. (c) / No error (d)
3. Man needs (a) / security and leisure (b) / of free thinking. (c) / No error (d)
4. This watch (a) / is superior and (b) / more expensive than that. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
5. It was apparent for everyone present (a) / that if the patient did not receive (b) / medical attention fast (c) / he would die. (d) / No error (e)
6. He knows very well (a) / what is expected from him (b) / but he is not able to fulfil all the expectations. (c) / No error (d)
7. My brother (a) / has ordered (b) / for a new book. (c) / No error (d) (S.S.C. 1994)
8. That Brutus, who was his trusted friend (a) / had attacked on him (b) / and caused heartbreak to Julius Caesar. (c) / No error (d)
9. Rana Pratap was (a) / blind with (b) / one eye. (c) / No error (d)
10. The doctor (a) / attended to the patient (b) / very quietly. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1992)
11. I was shocked to hear (a) / that his father (b) / died of an accident. (c) / No error (d)
12. I must start (a) / at dawn (b) / to reach the station in time. (c) / No error (d)
13. I will put on (a) / a note in this regard (b) / for your consideration (c) / and necessary decision. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1995)
14. None could (a) / dare to encroach (b) / on his rights. (c) / No error (d)
15. The father brought the sweets (a) / and distributed them. (b) / between his five children. (c) / No error (d)
16. Raman developed the (a) / habit for sleeping late (b) / when he was (c) / staying in the hostel. (d) / No error (e)
17. It is the duty of every right thinking citizen (a) / to try to make the whole world (b) / a happier place to live. (c) / No error (d) (Assistant Grade, 1995)
18. The top-ranking candidates (a) / will be appointed in (b) / senior jobs in good companies. (c) / No error (d)
19. My niece has been (a) / married with (b) / the richest man of the town. (c) / No error (d)
20. The venue of examination (a) / is one mile further up (b) / the hill. (c) / No error (d) (C.B.I. 1993)
21. The doctor referred (a) / the patient for the O.P.D. (b) / without examining him. (c) / No error (d)
22. A man who always (a) / connives on the faults (b) / of his children (c) / is their worst enemy. (d) / No error (e)
23. I do not understand (a) / why he is. (b) / So angry at me. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1989)

24. I am hearing (a) / a lot about (b) / the problem of AIDS these days. (c) / No error (d)
25. Because of his innocence (a) / he cannot (b) / distinguish a cheat (c) / for an honest person. (d) / No error (e)
26. After opening the door (a) / we entered into the room (b) / next to the kitchen. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1995)
27. As the meeting was about to end (a) / he insisted to ask (b) / several questions. (c) / No error (d)
28. The watchman was kind enough (a) / to inform us about the conspiracy (b) / but declined to name (c) / the person behind it. (d) / No error (e)
29. The captain and his wife (a) / were invited (b) / for the cultural function (c) / at my home. (d) / No error (e)
30. The engineer came out (a) / to a novel solution (b) / which may even reduce (c) / daily energy consumption. (d) / No error (e)
31. On a holiday (a) / Madhu prefers reading (b) / than going out visiting friends. (c) / No error (d) (Hotel Management, 1996)
32. People who are averse with (a) / hard work (b) / generally do not (c) / succeed in life. (d) / No error (e)
33. Vishal is (a) / one year junior (b) / than Madan (c) / in our office. (d) / No error (e)
34. They walked (a) / besides each other (b) / in silence. (c) / No error (d) (Assistant Grade, 1995)
35. Our Mathematics teacher (a) / often emphasises on (b) / the need for a lot of practice. (c) / No error (d)
36. Please put away (a) / the candle (b) / before you leave. (c) / No error (d)
37. All the doctors were (a) / puzzled on the (b) / strange symptoms (c) / reported by the patient. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1991)
38. Most of the Uttar Pradesh (a) / is an extremely fertile plain (b) / between which the river Ganga flows. (c) / No error (d)
39. He has been working on (a) / the problem from a long time (b) / but is still not (c) / able to solve it. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
40. At the last day (a) / of your holidays (b) / you have started thinking about (c) / how to finish your work. (d) / No error (e)
41. India is in no way (a) / inferior than the U.S.A. (b) / in the fertility of soil (c) / and in the richness of mineral resources. (d) / No error (e)
42. The students were (a) / awaiting for (b) / the arrival of the chief guest. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1995)
43. I could not convince them (a) / because they persisted to suggest (b) / that I was lying. (c) / No error (d)
44. It was apparent for everyone present (a) / that if the patient (b) / did not receive medical attention fast (c) / he would die. (d) / No error (e)
45. The detective says that (a) / there is no chance for (b) / finding the person (c) / who wrote these letters. (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
46. In urban society (a) / the social circle is limited with the family (b) / but in the villages (c) / it encompasses the entire village. (d) / No error (e)
47. Being most loquacious (a) / among her brothers and sisters (b) / she related a good many tales (c) / in each breath. (d) / No error (e)
48. The committee appointed to investigate into (a) / the said murder (b) / will convene next week (c) / to further discuss their strategy. (d) / No error (e)
49. Kamal's habit of (a) / delaying his work (b) / put his colleagues (c) / to lot of trouble. (d) / No error (e)
50. No effort has been made at all (a) / to cash on (b) / the refurbished image of Indian tennis. (c) / No error (d)

ANSWERS

1. (c) : The correct usage is 'different from'
2. (a) : Replace 'with' by 'by'
3. (c) : Replace 'of' by 'for'
4. (b) : Add 'to' after 'superior'.
Adjectives ending in -ior take 'to' after them.
5. (a) : Replace 'for' by 'to'
6. (b) : Replace 'from' by 'of'
7. (c) : Remove 'for'
8. (b) : Remove 'on'.
The verb 'attack' does not take a preposition
9. (b) : Replace 'with' by 'in'

10. (b) : Replace 'to' by 'upon'
 11. (c) : The correct usage is 'died in an accident' and 'died of malaria'
 12. (b) : Replace 'at' by 'by'
 13. (a) : Replace 'on' by 'up'
 14. (c) : Replace 'on' by 'upon'. The verb 'encroach' takes 'upon' after it
 15. (c) : Replace 'between' by 'among'. 'Between' is used for two persons and 'among' for more than two persons.
 16. (b) : Replace 'for' by 'of'
 17. (c) : Add 'in' after 'live'
 18. (b) : Replace 'in' by 'to'
 19. (b) : Replace 'with' by 'to'.
 The verb 'marry' takes preposition 'to'
 20. (a) : Replace 'of' by 'for'
 21. (b) : Replace 'for' by 'to'.
 The verb 'refer' takes preposition 'to'
 22. (b) : Replace 'on' by 'at'.
 'Connive' takes the preposition 'at'
 23. (c) : The correct form is 'angry with ...'
 24. (b) : Replace 'about' by 'of'
 25. (d) : Replace 'for' by 'from'
 26. (b) : Remove 'into'.
 'Enter' does not take any preposition.
 27. (b) : The correct form is 'he insisted on asking'
 28. (b) : Replace 'about' by 'of'.
 29. (c) : Replace 'for' by 'to'
 30. (b) : Replace 'to' by 'with'
 31. (c) : Replace 'than' by 'to'.
 The verb 'prefer' takes preposition 'to'.
 32. (a) : Replace 'with' by 'to'.
 33. (c) : Replace 'than' by 'to'.
 Adjectives ending in -ior take 'to'.
 34. (b) : Replace 'besides' by 'beside'
 35. (b) : Remove 'on'.
 36. (a) : The correct usage is 'put out the candle'
 37. (b) : Replace 'on' by 'at'.
 38. (c) : Replace 'between' by 'through'
 39. (e) : No error.
 40. (a) : Replace 'at' by 'on'
 41. (b) : Replace 'than' by 'to'.
 42. (b) : Remove 'for'
 43. (b) : Replace 'to suggest' by 'in suggesting'
 44. (a) : Replace 'for' by 'to'.
 45. (b) : Replace 'for' by 'of'
 46. (b) : Replace 'with' by 'to'
 47. (b) : Replace 'among' by 'of'
 48. (a) : Remove 'into'.
 49. (d) : Replace 'to' by 'into'
 50. (b) : The correct form is 'to cash in on'

PRACTICE SET 5

Directions : In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'.

1. He says that (a) / he has a car (b) / beside a scooter. (c) / No error (d) (Bank P.O. 1995)
 (S.S.C. 1994)
 2. Mahatma Gandhi laboured (a) / to the good (b) / of humanity. (c) / No error (d)
 3. The blind old man was (a) / knocked down by a car (b) / upon crossing the road. (c) / No error (d)
 4. In a report issued by Indian Statistical Institute, (a) / the Iron and Steel Industry is investing more than any other (b) / Indian industry in fighting pollution. (c) / No error (d) (Central Excise, 1995)
 5. I found it difficult (a) / to remove (b) / the chewing gum that (c) / stuck with my cap. (d) / No error (e)
 6. My answer (a) / is different (b) / than yours. (c) / No error (d)
 7. Of all the men (a) / known to me none is (b) / less inclined that he is (c) / to think ill to others. (d) / No error (e)
 8. Dr. Addison has been trying (a) / to develop a medicine for diabetes (b) / for the last ten years. (c) / No error (d)
 9. As the party was going (a) / we noticed Mr. Roy fall back (b) / in his chair, gasping for breath. (c) / No error (d) (Assistant Grade, 1991)
 10. In this age of despair and despondency, (a) / only our rich cultural heritage (b) / can help us (c) / escape to the menacing doom. (d) / No error (e)
 11. Rekha was trying for admission (a) / in the Engineering College (b) / even though her parents wanted (c) / her to take up medicine. (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
 12. All the players (a) except sam (b) / were present (c) / on the playground. (d) / No error (e)
 13. It proves (a) / year after year (b) / that when it comes into judging new writing

- (c) / we are on slippery ground. (d) / No error (e)
 14. This kind of behaviour (a) / has not been seen here (b) / since the last four years. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1994)
 15. He is in the habit (a) / of going out (b) / on a morning walk (c) / regularly. (d) / No error (e)
 16. The management did not (a) / select him as he was (b) / not eligible to the post. (c) / No error (d)
 17. Both the form and substance (a) / of what he says (b) / about his life and work (c) / testify for a great reserve of inner energy. (d) / No error (e) (C.B.I. 1993)
 18. I am vexed (a) / at him about what (b) / he has done. (c) / No error (d)
 19. Beside chocolates, (a) / they also bought (b) / many toys for the child. (c) / No error (d) (Bank P.O. 1995)
 20. Young children should not sit close (a) / to the TV set (b) / as it affects on their eyes. (c) / No error (d) (S.S.C. 1991)
 21. The child freed himself (a) / from his father's hold (b) / and ran on the road. (c) / No error (d)
 22. Without a moment's hesitation (a) / the Principal agreed to write (b) / a foreword to my book. (c) / No error (d)
 23. When the teachers are on strike (a) / and a notice to this effect is pasted on the college gate (b) / there is no sense to go there. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1995)
 24. To gain reputation among your clients, (a) / you ought to finish (b) / every assignment you undertake (c) / within the stipulated deadline. (d) / No error (e)
 25. Children often (a) / quarrel on (b) / petty issues. (c) / No error (d) (Clerks' Grade, 1995)
 26. Rahul was in need (a) / of money and (b) / sold out his gold medal for hundred rupees (c) / to one of his friends. (d) / No error (e)
 27. Our Mathematics teacher (a) / often emphasises on (b) / the need for a lot of practice. (c) / No error (d) (I. Tax, 1992)
 28. Many a time (a) / the Minister had hinted on (b) / the destruction caused by floods. (c) / No error (d)
 29. Having come to Calcutta (a) / he had found the people (b) / were warm and friendly (c) / and there was nothing pessimistic in them. (d) / No error (e)
 30. Our laxity in duty (a) / increases with our (b) / aversion for work. (c) / No error (d) (I. Tax, 1994)
 31. The teacher (a) / was pleased (b) / at Sanjay. (c) / No error (d)
 32. None saw him (a) / worthy for the reward (b) / he received. (c) / No error (d)
 33. My uncle frequently goes to abroad (a) / on business (b) / by air. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1995)
 34. Yesterday, Sohan came across with (a) / one of his (b) / old friends. (c) / No error (d)
 35. The Minister and some of his colleagues (a) / were invited (b) / for the charity show (c) / staged by the Dhawan College (d) / No error (e)
 36. He fixed a metal ladder (a) / for the wall below his window (b) / so as to be able to (c) / escape if there was a fire. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1995)
 37. For nearly half a century he lived in that village, (a) / sharing the joys and sorrows of the people there, (b) / but later he left the village and has not been heard of since. (c) / No error (d)
 38. A large scale exchange of nuclear weapons (a) / will produce unprecedented amounts of radiation (b) / that can penetrate into the biological tissue. (c) / No error (d) (Assistant Grade, 1996)
 39. He did not complain, (a) / although the pain (b) / was behind his capacity (c) / to bear. (d) / No error (e)
 40. On his attitude (a) / it seems that what he wants (b) / is that the decision making power (c) / should rest with him. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.C. 1994)
 41. The boy stood (a) / by me (b) / panting for breath. (c) / No error (d)
 42. The plan is to go for (a) / the cinema and then have dinner (b) / but Ajay's late arrival (c) / upset the whole thing. (d) / No error (e)
 43. It is not possible for me (a) / to exchange the goods (b) / once the sale has been completed. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
 44. The teacher taught (a) / to the students (b) / like his own children. (c) / No error (d)
 45. Mr. Smith was accused for murder (a) / but the court found him not guilty (b) / and acquitted him. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1995)

46. In my opinion (a) / this boy is very honest (b) / and can be depended. (c) / No error (d)
47. The earth we live in (a) / is enveloped (b) / on all sides by air. (c) / No error (d)
48. Several prominent figures (a) / involved in the scandal (b) / are required to appear (c) / to the investigation committee. (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
49. If I were the Principal of the college (a) / I would have never accepted (b) / such demands of the students. (c) / No error (d)
50. She had shifted her residence (a) / to this city to be (b) / close with the child (c) / she had wanted to adopt. (d) / No error (e)

ANSWERS

1. (c) : Replace 'beside' by 'besides'
'Beside' means 'by the side of',
'besides' means 'apart from'
2. (b) : Replace 'to' by 'for'
3. (c) : Replace 'upon' by 'while'
4. (d) : Replace 'in' by 'on'
5. (d) : 'Stuck' takes the preposition 'to', not 'with'.
6. (c) : The correct usage is 'different from'
7. (d) : The correct form is
'to think ill of others'
8. (c) : Replace 'for' by 'since'
9. (a) : Add 'on' after 'going'
10. (d) : Replace 'to' by 'from'
11. (b) : Replace 'in' by 'to'
12. (d) : Replace 'on' by 'in'
13. (c) : Replace 'into' by 'to'
14. (c) : Replace 'since' by 'for'
15. (c) : Replace 'on' by 'for'
16. (c) : The correct form is 'eligible for ...'
17. (d) : Replace 'for' by 'to'
18. (b) : Replace 'at' by 'with'
19. (a) : Replace 'beside' by 'besides'
20. (c) : Remove 'on'
21. (c) : Replace 'on' by 'across'
22. (c) : Replace 'to' by 'for'
23. (c) : Replace 'to go' by 'in going'
24. (d) : Replace 'within' by 'by'
25. (b) : Replace 'on' by 'over'
26. (c) : Remove 'out'
27. (b) : Replace 'on' by 'upon'
28. (b) : The correct form is 'hinted at ...'
29. (d) : Replace 'in' by 'about'
30. (c) : The correct form is 'aversion to'
31. (c) : The correct form is 'pleased with ...'
32. (b) : The correct form is 'worthy of ...'
33. (a) : Remove 'to'
34. (b) : Remove 'with'
35. (c) : The correct form is 'invited to ...'
36. (b) : Replace 'for' by 'to'
37. (c) : Add 'then' after 'since'
38. (c) : Remove 'into' The verb 'penetrate' doesn't take any preposition.
39. (c) : Replace 'behing' by 'beyond'
40. (a) : Replace 'on' by 'from'
41. (b) : Replace 'by' by 'before'
42. (a) : Replace 'for' by 'to'
43. (c) : Replace 'once' by 'after'
44. (b) : Remove 'to'
45. (a) : The correct form is 'accused of ...'
46. (c) : The correct form is 'depended upon'
47. (b) : Replace 'on' by 'from'
48. (c) : Replace 'to' by 'before'
49. (c) : Replace 'of' by 'from'
50. (c) : Replace 'with' by 'to'

PRACTICE SET 6

Directions : In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error. If the sentence is correct, the answer is 'No error'

1. He was honourably (a) / acquitted from (b) / the charge. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
2. Ajay was suffering (a) / from cholera (b) / and ultimately he died by it. (c) / No error (d)
3. We returned to the guest house (a) / impressed by (b) / what we had seen. (c) / No error (d)
4. I am pleased to sanction (a) / one special increment (b) / to all the employees (c) / with this month. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1995)
5. It must be said (a) / to his credit that (b) / he stood towards his friend (c) / through thick and thin. (d) / No error (e)
6. To transport goods (a) / by sea is cheaper (b) / than land. (c) / No error (d) (Clerks' Grade, 1995)

7. Ritu was conscious to (a) / all that was going (b) / on around her place. (c) / No error (d)
8. I want this document (a) / to be detached off (b) / the main file and sent to me. (c) / No error (d)
9. It is easy to see that (a) / a lawyer's demeanour in court (b) / may be prejudicial against the interests of his client. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1993)
10. Of what I know (a) / of him, (b) / I hesitate to (c) / trust him. (d) / No error (e)
11. The Prince (a) / came on the throne (b) / at a very early age. (c) / No error (d)
12. Considering about these facts (a) / the principal has offered (b) / him a seat. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1996)
13. Two women were between (a) / those killed in the fire (b) / that broke out at the hotel. (c) / No error (d)
14. The angry boatsman threw (a) / the cracked oar (b) / in the river (c) / and returned home. (d) / No error (e)
15. The Third World countries must adopt (a) / a radically different approach for (b) / the dissemination of scientific information (c) / in view of the nature and magnitude of their problems. (d) / No error (e)
16. Yet the writers (a) / have no qualms in (b) / depicting the gory (c) / details of the violence. (d) / No error (e)
17. The director prefers (a) / your plan than (b) / that given by (c) / the other members of the committee. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
18. I always prefer (a) / working in a relaxed atmosphere (b) / than one full of (c) / tension and anxiety. (d) / No error (e)
19. You should not discuss (a) / about a matter (b) / with friends who are likely (c) / to find it offensive (d) / No error (e)
20. When you have (a) / read these books, (b) / please return them to me. (c) / No error (d) (S.S.C. 1994)
21. Will you please buy (a) / some jaggery for me (b) / if you go to the market? (c) / No error (d)
22. In my opinion (a) / Rajeev is very honest (b) / and can be depended. (c) / No error (d)
23. There are several ways (a) / of investing money prudently (b) / and making substantial profit (c) / from the investments. (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
24. Rana Pratap was (a) / blind with (b) / one eye. (c) / No error (d)
25. Having to stay (a) / in the jungle that night, (b) / they had nothing (c) / to feed at. (d) / No error (e)
26. The student (a) / answered to (b) / the question (c) / asked by the inspector of school (d) / No error (e) (Railways, 1996)
27. The plane took on (a) / as soon as (b) / the passengers boarded it. (c) / No error (d)
28. The boy attempted the questions (a) / so well (b) / that his teacher was exceedingly (c) / pleased at him. (d) / No error (e)
29. The Trust plans (a) / to set on (b) / a special school for (c) / dumb and deaf children. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1994)
30. Amar's habit of (a) / delaying his work (b) / put his colleagues (c) / to lot of trouble. (d) / No error (e)
31. The wife is not (a) / yet acquainted with (b) / her husband's likings. (c) / No error (d)
32. The beauty of her autobiography (a) / lies in coming (b) / to terms with life (c) / facing its many challenges through a rare courage. (d) / No error (e)
33. We never buy any jam in the shops, (a) / because my wife makes all our jam from the fruit in our garden, (b) / and it tastes much better than the jam from the shops, we think. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1994)
34. A shiver ran to Sachin's spine (a) / when he recalled the accident (b) / in which he (c) / was luckily saved. (d) / No error (e)
35. On the time when the house collapsed (a) / all the people in the house (b) / were fast asleep. (c) / No error (d)
36. I offered him part-time work (a) / but he turned it over (b) / saying that he would (c) / rather wait for a full-time job. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1995)
37. These days very few people (a) / bother to do the work (b) / entrusted upon them. (c) / No error (d)
38. You will be tired of writing (a) / at the time you (b) / finish your research. (c) / No error (d) (Clerks' Grade, 1995)
39. Young children should not sit (a) / close to the TV set (b) / as it affects on their eyes. (c) / No error (d)
40. He (a) / came across (b) / with a beggar. (c) / No error (d) (Hotel Management, 1991)
41. If on doing so (a) / the critic arrives at (b) / embarrassingly adverse conclusions

- (c) / he does not shy at declaring them.
(d) / No error (e)
42. The law is a sleeping giant (a) / and until someone affected by it (b) / makes it wake up (c) / it will continue to sleep. (a) / No error (e)
43. The visitors complained at (a) / the poor accommodation (b) / they were given. (c) / No error (d)
44. In the meeting, (a) / Mr. Mehta's suggestions with regard for (b) / certain administrative reforms (c) / were hailed by all the members. (d) / No error (e).
(S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
45. Please do not forget (a) / to send me an express telegram (b) / on my address (c) / when you reach Canada airport. (d) / No error (e)
46. Such natural imagery suggests that (a) / the killings were akin with (b) / a natural disaster and (c) / not a matter of individual responsibility, (d) / No error (e)
47. Emphasis on quality of life ensures (a) / for the health and happiness (b) / of every individual. (c) / No error (d)
(C.D.S. 1995)
48. Some animals are much more capable (a) / than humans for perceiving (b) / certain kinds of stimuli (c) / which may precede earthquakes. (d) / No error (e)
49. The author's vision, (a) / suffused by an innocence and warmth, (b) / may not correspond (c) / to the country as it is today. (d) / No error (e)
50. On entering the room (a) / she was found hanging (b) / from the ceiling. (c) / No error (d)
(C.B.I. 1993)

ANSWERS

1. (b) : Replace 'from' by 'of'
The verb 'acquitted' takes preposition 'of'
2. (c) : Replace 'by' by 'of'
3. (b) : Replace 'by' by 'with'
4. (d) : Replace 'with' by 'from'
5. (c) : Replace 'towards' by 'by'
6. (c) : Add 'by' before 'land'
7. (a) : Replace 'to' by 'of'
8. (b) : The correct usage is 'detached from'
9. (d) : No error
10. (a) : Replace 'of' by 'from'
11. (b) : Replace 'on' by 'to'
12. (a) : Remove 'about'
13. (a) : Replace 'between' by 'among'
14. (c) : Replace 'in' by 'into'
15. (b) : Replace 'for' by 'to'
16. (b) : Replace 'in' by 'about'
17. (b) : Replace 'than' by 'to'
18. (c) : Add 'in' before 'one'
19. (b) : Remove 'about'
20. (a) : Replace 'when' by 'After'
21. (c) : Replace 'if' by 'when'
22. (c) : The correct form is '... can be depended upon'
23. (e) : No error
24. (b) : Replace 'with' by 'in'
25. (d) : The correct usage is 'feed on'
26. (b) : Remove 'to'
27. (a) : The correct usage is 'The plane took off ...'
28. (d) : Replace 'at' by 'with'
29. (b) : Replace 'on' by 'up'
30. (d) : Replace 'to' by 'into'
31. (d) : No error
32. (d) : Replace 'through' by 'with'
33. (a) : Replace 'in' by 'from'
34. (c) : Replace 'in' by 'from'
35. (a) : Replace 'on' by 'At'
36. (b) : Replace 'over' by 'down'
37. (c) : Replace 'upon' by 'to'
38. (b) : Replace 'at' by 'by'
39. (c) : Remove 'on'
40. (c) : Remove 'with'
41. (a) : Replace 'on' by 'in'
42. (b) : Replace 'until' by 'unless'
43. (a) : Replace 'at' by 'about'
44. (b) : Replace 'for' by 'to'
45. (c) : Replace 'on' by 'to'
46. (b) : The correct usage is 'akin to ...'
47. (b) : Remove 'for'
48. (b) : Replace 'for' by 'of'
49. (b) : Replace 'by' by 'with'
50. (d) : No error

PRACTICE SET 7

Directions : In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error. If the sentence is correct, the answer is 'No error'.

1. The teacher called Ravi (a) / and asked him (b) / to describe about the incident. (c) / No error (d)
2. They shouted (a) / on the top (b) / of their voice. (c) / No error (d)
3. You should not (a) / violate against the rules (b) / laid down by the institution. (c) / No error (d)
4. His grandmother (a) / has taught him (b) / to pray God daily. (c) / No error (d)
5. I promptly (a) / answered to (b) / his questions. (c) / No error (d)
6. The warrior (a) / fell from (b) / his horse. (c) / No error (d)
7. He reminded (a) / me my (b) / childhood days. (c) / No error (d)
8. You cannot (a) / prevent me (b) / to go there. (c) / No error (d)
9. At the gate (a) / was hung a wooden board (b) / on which was written : (c) / 'Beware the danger'. (d) / No error (e)
10. This article was (a) / prepared by (b) / their own expense. (c) / No error (d)
11. He is (a) / angry and (b) / indifferent to me. (c) / No error (d)
12. He signed (a) / upon (b) / the application form. (c) / No error (d)
13. I was going to school (a) / when in the way (b) / I met an old man. (c) / No error (d)
14. I don't think (a) / I have any use (b) / of this book. (c) / No error (d)
15. They went (a) / on one side (b) / of the road. (c) / No error (d)
16. He ascended (a) / to the throne (b) / at the early age of ten. (c) / No error (d)
17. I advised (a) / to him (b) / to do this work. (c) / No error (d)
18. He is a loveable person (a) / but what makes most people dislike him (b) / is that he boasts his wealth. (c) / No error (d)
19. The teacher ordered (a) / the students to (b) / open page 10. (c) / No error (d)
20. I am angry (a) / with your (b) / rude behaviour. (c) / No error (d)
21. He left to Bombay (a) / this morning (b) / for some official work. (c) / No error (d)
22. I gave him (a) / a gun to shoot. (b) / No error (c)
23. The police investigated (a) / into the case (b) / but could find no useful clues. (c) / No error (d)
24. Children must (a) / obey to the orders (b) / of their elders. (c) / No error (d)
25. Having resigned (a) / from his job, (b) / Mr. Kalkarni left the town. (c) / No error (d)
26. I requested him (a) / to listen what I said (b) / and work accordingly. (c) / No error (d)
27. I am content (a) / for what (b) / I have. (c) / No error (d)
28. Under such circumstances, (a) / you should (b) / guard from danger. (c) / No error (d)
29. Will you (a) / do to me (b) / a favour ? (c) / No error (d)
30. As soon as the curtain rose (a) / the spectators got up (b) / on their seats (c) / to have a better view of their beloved leader. (d) / No error (e)
31. The economic policy of the government (a) / is not quite in variance (b) / with the idea of (c) / the socialist pattern of society. (d) / No error (e)
32. All day long we saw the trees (a) / tossing in the wind (b) / and heard the waves (c) / crashing with the rocks (d) / No error (e)
33. It is not possible (a) / for one to overhaul a system (b) / so rotten into the core. (c) / No error (d)
34. Atul's habit of (a) / delaying his work (b) / put his colleagues (c) / to a lot of trouble. (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
35. Despite of a good monsoon this year, (a) / the production of foodgrains in the country (b) / did not go up. (c) / No error (d)
36. Supposing if the bridegroom (a) / doesn't arrive in time for the wedding, (b) / what will you do ? (c) / No error (d)
37. There is nothing that does (a) / irritate me more than seeing (b) / other people sitting about (c) / doing nothing when I am working. (d) / No error (e)
38. It is every one's duty (a) / to wipe out (b) / the tears from the eyes (c) / of people in distress. (d) / No error (e)
39. One of the world's smaller coins (a) / is found in the museum (b) / which is quite near from the old fort. (c) / No error (d)

40. There has not been any rainfall (a) / in this part of the country (b) / since the last two years. (c) / No error (d)
41. We may have to (a) / await for a new political order (b) / to restructure our economy by adopting (c) / a model of development closer to our needs. (d) / No error (e)
42. Even the imperial might of the British (a) / could not suppress (b) / our desire of freedom. (c) / No error (d)
43. Work hard (a) / in Christmas holidays (b) / so that you may (c) / catch up with the class. (d) / No error (e)
44. The religious argument (a) / is not the only basis (b) / over which the case for animal rights rests. (c) / No error (d)
45. She could not yet (a) / acclimatize herself in the (b) / strange conditions of this house. (c) / No error (d)
46. And though one did not (a) / quite believe his claim, (b) / one saw no harm (c) / in granting him permission. (d) / No error (e)
47. The article (a) / should not exceed (b) / more than five hundred words. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
48. All the boys (a) / returned back home (b) / well in time for lunch. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1996)
49. Arun's parents died when he was young and (a) / he looked after his aunt (b) / who had no children. (c) / No error (d) (U.D.C. 1995)
50. Because of the emergency help (a) / that the patient received, (b) / he would have died. (c) / No error (d) (C.B.I. 1995)

ANSWERS

1. (c) : Remove 'about'
2. (b) : Replace 'on' by 'at'
3. (b) : Remove 'against'
4. (c) : Add 'to' after 'pray'
5. (b) : Remove 'to'
6. (b) : Replace 'from' by 'off'
7. (b) : The correct form is ... reminded me of ...
8. (c) : Replace 'to go' by 'from going'
9. (d) : The correct form is 'Beware of the danger'
10. (b) : Replace 'by' by 'at'
11. (b) : Add 'with' after 'angry'
12. (b) : Remove 'upon'
13. (b) : Replace 'in' by 'on'
14. (c) : Replace 'of' by 'for'
15. (b) : Replace 'on' by 'to'
16. (b) : Remove 'to'
17. (b) : Remove 'to'
18. (c) : Add 'of' after 'boasts'
19. (c) : Add 'at' after 'open'
20. (b) : Replace 'with' by 'at'
21. (a) : Replace 'to' by 'for'
22. (b) : Add 'with' after 'shoot'
23. (b) : Remove 'into'
24. (b) : Remove 'to'
25. (b) : Remove 'from'
26. (b) : Add 'to' after 'listen'
27. (b) : Replace 'for' by 'with'
28. (c) : Replace 'from' by 'against'
29. (b) : Remove 'to'
30. (c) : Replace 'on' by 'in'
31. (b) : Replace 'in' by 'at'
32. (d) : Replace 'with' by 'against'
33. (c) : Replace 'into' by 'to'
34. (d) : Replace 'to' by 'into'
35. (a) : Remove 'of'
36. (a) : Remove 'if'
37. (c) : Replace 'about' by 'around'
38. (b) : Replace 'out' by 'away'
39. (c) : Remove 'from'
40. (d) : No error
41. (b) : Remove 'for'
42. (c) : Replace 'of' by 'for'
43. (b) : Replace 'in' by 'during'
44. (c) : Replace 'over' by 'on'
45. (b) : Replace 'in' by 'to'
46. (e) : No error
47. (c) : Remove 'more than'
48. (b) : Remove 'back'
49. (b) : The correct form is 'he was looked after by his aunt'
50. (a) : Replace 'Because of' by 'But for'

PRACTICE SET 8

Directions : In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error. The error may be grammatical or idiomatic. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'

1. No sooner did I open the door (a) / when the rain, heavy and stormy, rushed in (b) / making us shiver from head to foot. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1995)
2. Be smart (a) / not only in dress (b) / and also in action. (c) / No error (d)
3. Hardly had I reached the airport (a) / where I learnt (b) / about the powerful bomb explosion. (c) / No error (d)
4. It is not (a) / such a good book (b) / that I expected. (c) / No error (d)
5. The downfall of this kind (a) / is to be attributed to (b) / nothing else than pride. (c) / No error (d) (C.B.I. 1993)
6. Unless he does not return (a) / all the library books (b) / he will not be (c) / relieved from the service. (d) / No error (e)
7. You must either tell me (a) / the whole story or, at least, (b) / the first half of it. (c) / No error (d)
8. The old woman has had the best medical facilities available (a) / but she will not be cured (b) / unless she does not have a strong desire to live. (c) / No error (d) (Central Excise, 1992)
9. My book has been (a) / missing from my room (b) / till yesterday. (c) / No error (d)
10. The manager of the bank was busy (a) / so he asked them to come and (b) / see him between two to three in the afternoon. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1995)
11. He is as clever if (a) / not cleverer (b) / than his brother. (c) / No error (d)
12. No sooner did the sun rise (a) / when we took a hasty breakfast (b) / and resumed the journey. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1994)
13. Hardly had the children (a) / left the school (b) / than it began to rain. (c) / No error (d)
14. Because he is physically strong, (a) / therefore he was selected (b) / for the school boxing team. (c) / No error (d)
15. The reason for (a) / his failure is because (b) / he did not work hard. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1994)
16. Bharat asked him (a) / that which was the way (b) / to the post office. (c) / No error (d)
17. Unless you do not listen to his advice (a) / I am not going (b) / to help you. (c) / No error (d)
18. How do you say (a) / that neither he or (b) / Ravi has qualified (c) / in the examination? (d) / No error (e)
19. Being a strict vegetarian (a) / he depended on milk and fruit (b) / and had to cook for himself. (c) / No error (d)
20. Even though the shirt is rather expensive (a) / but I wish to (b) / purchase it with my own money. (c) / No error (d) (I.E.S. 1994)
21. Unless Ashish does not (a) / return all the library books, (b) / he will not be (c) / awarded the pass certificate. (d) / No error (e)
22. Mohan could not (a) / go to the picnic (b) / for his mother (c) / was not well. (d) / No error (e) (H.R.B. 1993)
23. Ranjeet is as (a) / fast as or (b) / perhaps faster (c) / than Rohit. (d) / No error (e)
24. Though she was sick (a) / but (b) / she went to work. (c) / No error (d) (I. Tax & Central Excise, 1993)
25. Hardly had I (a) / reached the station where (b) / I learnt about (c) / the powerful bomb explosion. (d) / No error (e)
26. No sooner did (a) / the Chairman begin speaking, some (b) / participants started (c) / shouting slogans. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1994)
27. The Management Committee has requested me (a) / not to take any action (b) / unless and until (c) / I don't see all the documents. (d) / No error (e)
28. As he is rich, (a) / so he spends (b) / lavishly. (c) / No error (d)
29. I am but (a) / a humble seeker after truth (b) / and bent upon finding it. (c) / No error (d)
30. Hardly he had arrived (a) / when the house caught fire (b) / and everything was reduced to ashes. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1993)
31. Neither the famine (a) / or the subsequent fire (b) / was able to destroy the spirit of the people. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1993)

32. Neither did he (a) / accept the punishment (b) / or apologised (c) / for his mistake. (d) / No error (e)
(Bank P.O. 1995)
33. No sooner did the jeep arrive (a) / at the station (b) / than a young police officer (c) / jumped out of it. (d) / No error (e)
(Asstt. Grade, 1991)
34. If you hate me, (a) / then you should (b) / leave my house. (c) / No error (d)
35. The managing director well as the Board members (a) / was in favour of taking strict action (b) / against the striking workers. (c) / No error (d)
36. We are not sure (a) / if he is coming (b) / to the party. (c) / No error (d)
37. Sooner than he had arrived (a) / his friends arranged a reception (b) / in his honour in (c) / the best hotel in town. (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
38. Mrs. Drakmantan went to Dublin (a) / because she might (b) / see Mrs. Roy. (c) / No error (d)
39. As much as I admire him for his sterling qualities, (a) / I cannot excuse him (b) / for being unfair to his friends. (c) / No error (d) (C.B.I. 1995)
40. He gave them no money (a) / nor he did help them (b) / in any way. (c) / No error (d)
41. He took out the spare tyre (a) / and was very disappointed (b) / when he was discovered (c) / that this tyre was also punctured. (d) / No error (e)
42. Since it was his first election campaign, the candidate was confused ; (a) / none could clearly understand (b) / either the principles he stood for or the benefits he promised. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1995)]

ANSWERS

1. (b) : Replace 'when' by 'than'
2. (c) : Replace 'and' by 'but'
3. (b) : Replace 'where' by 'when'
4. (c) : Replace 'that' by 'as'
5. (c) : Replace 'than' by 'but'
6. (a) : Replace 'does not return' by 'returns'
7. (d) : No error
8. (c) : Replace 'does not have' by 'has'
9. (c) : Replace 'till' by 'since'
10. (c) : Replace 'to' by 'and'
11. (a) : Add 'as' after 'clever'
12. (b) : Replace 'when' by 'than'
13. (c) : Replace 'than' by 'when'
14. (b) : Remove 'therefore'
15. (b) : Replace 'because' by 'that'
16. (b) : Remove 'that'
17. (a) : Remove 'do not'
18. (b) : Replace 'or' by 'nor'
19. (c) : Replace 'and' by 'or'
20. (b) : Remove 'but'
21. (a) : Replace 'Unless' by 'If'
22. (e) : No error
23. (b) : Remove 'as'
24. (b) : Replace 'but' by 'yet'
25. (b) : Replace 'where' by 'when'
26. (b) : Add 'than' before 'some'
27. (d) : Remove 'don't'
28. (b) : Remove 'so'
29. (c) : Remove 'and'
30. (d) : No error
31. (b) : Replace 'or' by 'nor'
32. (c) : Replace 'or' by 'nor'
33. (e) : No error
34. (b) : Remove 'then'
35. (a) : Add 'as' before 'well'
36. (b) : Replace 'if' by 'that'
37. (a) : The correct form is 'As soon as he arrived'
38. (b) : Replace 'becasue' by 'in order that'
39. (a) : Replace 'As much as' by 'Howsoever much'
40. (b) : The correct form is '... and also he did not help them'
41. (b) : Replace 'and' by 'but'
42. (d) : No error

PRACTICE SET 9

Directions : In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has error. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'

1. Many a student (a) / are frustrated (b) / because of unemployment. (c) / No error. (d) (Asstt. Grade, 1995)
2. It is true (a) / that the poor is unable (b) / to get nourishing food even today. (c) / No error (d)

3. People have a right to criticise (a) / but at the same time (b) / each of them (c) / have to remember his duty also. (d) / No error (e)
(Section Officers, 1993)
4. The child (a) / picked up a burned paper (b) / from the street. (c) / No error (d)
5. Never did this exhibition of contempt and anger ceased (a) / so long as British rule remained (b) / a live thing in India. (c) / No error (d)
6. The teacher was angry (a) / when he found that (b) / you are not there. (c) / No error (d)
7. I would like you to (a) / complete this assignment (b) / before you will leave for Bombay. (c) / No error (d)
8. Ordinarily, when in difficulty (a) / Ruchi prefers keeping her counsel (b) / than running about (c) / taking advice. (d) / No error (e)
9. One of the drawbacks (a) / of modern education are (b) / that it does not encourage original thinking. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers Exam, 1993)
10. I enquired of him (a) / whe he is so negligent (b) / in his studies. (c) / No error (d)
11. There is no doubt (a) / that the majority of workers (b) / is in favour of the proposal. (c) / No error (d)
12. He laid unconscious for half an hour (a) / until he was seen (b) / by a passing motorist. (c) / No error (d)
13. None of my friends (a) / are applying (b) / for this job. (c) / No error (d)
14. Rohan was leading (a) / a happy and leisurely (b) / life after his retirement (c) / from service. (d) / No error (e)
(Railways, 1993)
15. When I went (a) / to Maniram's house, (b) / his mother told me (c) / that he was gone out of the country. (d) / No error (e)
16. One of his many (a) / good traits that (b) / come to my mind (c) / was his modesty. (d) / No error (e)
17. When the dentist came in (a) / my tooth was stopped aching (b) / out of fear that I might lose my tooth. (c) / No error (d)
(C.D.S. 1995)
18. The parents scolded the child (a) / for having broke the window (b) / but their words fell (c) / on deaf ears. (d) / No error (e)
19. Two-thirds of the book (a) / were (b) / rubbish. (c) / No error (d)
20. The chief idea of (a) / very common type of traveller (b) / is to see as many (c) / objects of interest as he possibly could. (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
21. The demand of the workers' union (a) / that the dismissed employee (b) / to be reinstated, has (c) / been accepted by the management. (d) / No error (e)
22. When he went out (a) / he left the radio on (b) / so that his parents shall think (c) / that he was still in the house. (d) / No error (e)
23. The foremost criterion of selection we adopted (a) / were the number of years of training (b) / a dancer had received (c) / under a particular guru. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1995)
24. I can't understand why (a) / he did not told me (b) / the reason for his absence. (c) / No error (d)
25. He very promptly (a) / withdraw the remarks (b) / made by him (c) / on my office note. (d) / No error (e)
26. He won't return the money (a) / that he borrowed, (b) / will he ? (c) / No error (d) (I. Tax, 1994)
27. None of my friends (a) / are applying (b) / for this job. (c) / No error (d)
28. Bread and butter (a) / is (b) / wholesome food. (c) / No error (d)
29. The future is (a) / yet to come (b) / but you have a (c) / right to shape it. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1995)
30. I finished my work (a) / before we reached his place (b) / with great difficulty because of heavy traffic. (c) / No error (d)
31. If I knew (a) / that my friend had planned to visit the town today, (b) / I would have made his stay comfortable. (c) / No error (d) (S.C.R.A. 1993)
32. More widely popular (a) / than the hunting of deer or fox (b) / were the pursuit of the hare. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1994)
33. The Committee Chief warned the party members (a) / that if they persist (b) / in their obstructionist attitude (c) / they would be suspended. (d) / No error (e) (C.D.S. 1994)
34. If the Manager acted in time, (a) / the strike would (b) / not have lasted long. (c) / No error (d)
35. On hearing the news over the radio that (a) / India has won the hockey match, (b) / I jumped with joy. (c) / No error (d)
36. Cricket has become so popular (a) / that even elderly people (b) / are discussing

- (c) / the game when they meet. (d) / No error (e)
37. The United States of America have (a) / a huge budget deficit (b) / despite the people's fabulous prosperity. (c) / No error (d)
38. The Hindi and the Marathi are (a) / different forms of the Sanskrit language, (b) / which were once spoken (c) / in almost every part of India. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1995)
39. Developmental activities of the government (a) / come to a standstill (b) / due to paucity of funds. (c) / No error (d)
40. I am sure that (a) / neither the house nor its contents (b) / is for sale. (c) / No error (d) (Asstt. Grade, 1991)
41. The majority of labourers (a) / is demanding (b) / and increase in wages. (c) / No error (d)
42. Some of the devotees (a) / prostrate on the steps (b) / or the floor in front of the idol (c) / before leaving. (d) / No error (e)
43. The man told to her (a) / that he had not brought his dog (b) / out for a walk as he

- was afraid that it would rain. (c) / No error (d) (I.E.S. 1994)
44. In spite of several reminders, (a) / he did not so far send (b) / any reply to my letters. (c) / No error (d)
45. Children visiting the (a) / park are amused (b) / by the monkeys (c) / play in the cages. (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
46. There goes Old Mrs. Roy (a) / and her meek (b) / little husband (c) / No error (d)
47. Not one of the hundreds (a) / of striking workers (b) / were allowed to go near the factory. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1995)
48. "I can't hear you. (a) / Please speak distinctly. (b) / Which telephone number you want?" (c) / No error (d)
49. The news of his marriage to another girl (a) / was a shock to her (b) / but she bore up bravely (c) / and went on as if nothing has happened. (d) / No error (e)
50. If I was you (a) / I would not have (b) / committed this blunder. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1992)

ANSWERS

1. (b) : Replace 'are' by 'is'
Many a' takes singular subject and singular verb.
2. (b) : Replace 'is' by 'are'
Here, 'poor' stands for 'poor people'
3. (d) : Replace 'have' by 'has'
4. (b) : Replace 'burned' by 'burnt'
5. (a) : Replace 'ceased' by 'cease'
6. (c) : Replace 'are' by 'were'
7. (c) : Remove 'will'
8. (c) : Replace 'running' by 'run'
9. (b) : Replace 'are' by 'is'
10. (b) : Replace 'is' by 'was'
11. (c) : Replace 'is' by 'are'
12. (a) : Replace 'laid' by 'lay'
13. (b) : Replace 'are' by 'is'
14. (a) : Replace 'was leading' by 'led'
15. (d) : Replace 'was' by 'had'
16. (d) : Replace 'was' by 'is'
17. (b) : Remove 'was'
18. (b) : Replace 'broke' by 'broken'
19. (b) : Replace 'were' by 'was'
20. (d) : Replace 'could' by 'can'
21. (c) : Remove 'to'
22. (e) : No error
23. (b) : Replace 'were' by 'was'
24. (b) : Replace 'told' by 'tell'
25. (b) : Replace 'withdraw' by 'withdrew'
26. (c) : Replace 'will' by 'would'
27. (b) : Replace 'are' by 'is'
28. (d) : No error
29. (a) : Replace 'is' by 'has'
30. (a) : Replace 'finished' by 'had finished'
31. (d) : No error
32. (c) : Replace 'were' by 'was'
33. (b) : Replace 'persist' by 'persisted'
34. (a) : Replace 'acted' by 'had acted'
35. (b) : Replace 'has' by 'had'
36. (c) : Replace 'are discussing' by 'discuss'
37. (a) : Replace 'have' by 'has'
38. (c) : Replace 'were' by 'was'
39. (b) : Replace 'come' by 'have come'
40. (c) : Replace 'is' by 'are'
41. (b) : Replace 'is' by 'are'
42. (b) : Add 'themselves' after 'prostrate'
43. (a) : Remove 'to'
44. (b) : The correct form is
'he has not so far sent'
45. (d) : Replace 'play' by 'playing'
46. (a) : Replace 'goes' by 'go'
47. (c) : Replace 'were' by 'was'
48. (c) : The correct form is 'which telephone number do you want?'
49. (d) : Replace 'has' by 'had'
50. (a) : Replace 'was' by 'were'

PRACTICE SET 10

Directions : In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'.

1. Unless you stop to make noise at once, (a) / I will have no option but to (b) / bring the matter to the attention of the police. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1995)
2. The Minister along with his (a) / party colleagues have (b) / been invited to the party. (c) / No error (d)
3. A group of friends (a) / want to visit (b) / the new plant as early as possible. (c) / No error (d) (Hotel Management, 1996)
4. It is rude (a) / for the young (b) / making fun of their elders. (c) / No error (d)
5. Meerabai was sent away from her home (a) / because she spend most of the time (b) / in the company of holy men (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1995)
6. If I was you (a) / I would have (b) / terminated his services then and there. (c) / No error (d)
7. As soon as I will reach Bombay (a) / I will send (b) / you the books (c) / you have asked for. (d) / No error (e)
8. The job is much worse than I expected. (a) / If I would have realised (b) / how awful it was going to be. (c) / I would not have accepted it. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1995)
9. Neither of the plans (a) / suits him and therefore (b) / he decided not to (c) / go out yesterday. (d) / No error (e)
10. The Cabinet Ministers and the Prime Minister (a) / was at the airport (b) / to receive the foreign dignitary. (c) / No error (d) (S.S.C. 1991)
11. While proceeding on leave (a) / he had orally committed that (b) / he will resume after two days. (c) / No error (d)
12. The number of people (a) / applying were so large (b) / that the college had to (c) / stop issuing application forms (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
13. A series of lectures (a) / of Indian philosophy (b) / are arranged by the University. (c) / No error (d)
14. The house with all its (a) / furniture and exotic plants (b) / were sold for Rs. 50,000. (c) / No error (d) (Asstt. Grade, 1995)
15. The teacher asked the students (a) / if everyone of them were interested in (b) / going on an excursion. (c) / No error (d)
16. Twice twelve (a) / makes (b) / twenty four. (c) / No error (d)
17. A physiologist, in the last century demonstrated (a) / that puppies will die (b) / if kept awake for more than five days. (c) / No error (d)
18. It is unfortunate that (a) / many youngsters get (b) / addicted to gamble. (c) / No error (d) (Section Officers, 1993)
19. I have seen (a) / that film last year, (b) / but I do not remember its story. (c) / No error (d)
20. The flight purser took control (a) / of the plane after (b) / the pilot had had (c) / a heart attack. (d) / No error (e)
21. Our conception of (a) / what should a science of mental life be (b) / has changed considerably since James' time. (c) / No error (d)
22. We grieve our loss and cry helplessly (a) / while we should be fighting for our rights (b) / and die a noble death. (c) / No error (d)
23. Sharad was entrusted with (a) / the task of coordinating yesterday's programme, (b) / but due to certain difficulties (c) / he does not do it. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1993)
24. Work hard (a) / lest you will (b) / fail. (c) / No error (d)
25. My friend did not see me (a) / for many years (b) / when I met him last week. (c) / No error (d)
26. Vipul was unhappy (a) / because he would (b) / not attend the marriage (c) / of his friend yesterday. (d) / No error (e) (Railways, 1993)
27. Until he has confessed his fault (a) / he will be kept (b) / in prison. (c) / No error (d)
28. Slow and steady (a) / win (b) / the race. (c) / No error (d)
29. After the allotted (a) / time was over (b) / they torn off all (c) / the papers which they had used. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
30. Deep snow laid on the track (a) / as the Little Red Riding Hood struggled slowly (b) / against a biting wind (c) / for the lonely farm house. (d) / No error (e)

31. When I telephoned him (a) / the line was so bad (b) / that I cannot hear (c) / what he said. (d) / No error (e)
(B.S.R.B. 1992)
32. If any of the founding fathers of our constitution (a) / was to return to life for a day (b) / his opinion of our amendments (c) / would be interesting. (d) / No error (e)
33. The new facts he (a) / has discovered and the new (b) / arguments he has advanced (c) / has not changed my opinion. (d) / No error (e)
(Bank P.O. 1995)
34. Hardly had he went (a) / out of the class (b) / when a mob of angry students (c) / attacked him. (d) / No error (e)
35. He is going everyday (a) / for a morning walk (b) / with his friends and neighbours. (c) / No error (d)
(I.E.S. 1994)
36. When the thief (a) / entered the house, (b) / the watchman on duty (c) / was fast asleep. (d) / No error (e)
37. How long (a) / were you (b) / learning English for? (c) / No error (d)
(Central Excise, 1993)
38. Knowledge of regional language (a) / is necessary for bank officers because (b) / they are to understand (c) / what their customers say. (d) / No error (e)
39. I have not (a) / played cricket (b) / since I have left college. (c) / No error (d)
(N.D.A. 1994)
40. Having deprived from (a) / their homes in the recent earthquake, (b) / they had no other option but (c) / to take shelter in a temple. (d) / No error (e)
41. I shall write (a) / to you (b) / when I shall reach Bangalore. (c) / No error (d)
(N.D.A. 1995)
42. This pen is (a) / very good but (b) / it costed me ten rupees. (c) / No error (d)
43. Good people will make good laws (a) / but good laws passed by a few (b) / does not necessarily make (c) / a good society. (d) / No error (e)
44. Every since the government (a) / announced its new policy, (b) / the private institutions had (c) / run into bad weather. (d) / No error (e)
(Bank P.O. 1994)
45. It cannot be forecasted (a) / how society will emerge (b) / a generation hence. (c) / No error (d)
(C.D.S. 1994)
46. The Prime Minister has said that India would not have spent so much on defence (a) / if some of the neighbouring countries (b) / adopted the policy of restricting defence expenditure. (c) / No error (d)
47. I've been to a few of his lectures, (a) / but understood little of (b) / what he has said. (c) / No error (d)
(I. Tax & Central Excise, 1992)
48. More leisure, as well as an abundance of goods, (a) / are attainable (b) / through automation. (c) / No error (d)
49. Several visitors (a) / have been expected (b) / to visit (c) / the place tomorrow. (d) / No error (e)
50. Looking forward (a) / to (b) / meet you here. (c) / No error (d) (Railways, 1996)

ANSWERS

1. (a) : Replace 'to make' by 'making'
2. (b) : Replace 'have' by 'has'
3. (b) : Replace 'want' by 'wants' ('A group' is singular)
4. (c) : Replace 'making' by 'to make'
5. (b) : Replace 'spend' by 'spent' because it is being talked about the past
6. (a) : Replace 'was' by 'were' when a wish or an imagination is expressed, 'were' is used.
7. (a) : Remove 'will'
8. (b) : Replace 'would have' by 'had'
9. (b) : Replace 'suits' by 'suited'
10. (b) : Replace 'was' by 'were'
11. (c) : Replace 'will' by 'would'
12. (b) : Replace 'were' by 'was' ('The number ...' is singular)
13. (c) : Replace 'are' by 'is' ('A series' is singular)
14. (c) : Replace 'were' by 'was' ('The house' is singular)
15. (b) : Replace 'were' by 'was'
16. (b) : Replace 'makes' by 'is'
17. (b) : Replace 'will' by 'would'
18. (c) : Replace 'gamble' by 'gambling'
19. (a) : Replace 'have' by 'had'
20. (c) : Replace 'had had' by 'had'
21. (b) : The correct form is 'what a science of mental life should be'
22. (b) : Replace 'be fighting' by 'fight'
23. (d) : Replace 'does' by 'could'
24. (b) : Replace 'will' by 'should' 'lest' is followed by 'should'

25. (a) : Replace 'did not see' by 'had not seen'
26. (b) : Replace 'would' by 'could'
27. (a) : Replace 'has confessed' by 'confesses'
28. (b) : Replace 'win' by 'wins'
29. (c) : Replace 'torn' by 'tore'
30. (a) : Replace 'laid' by 'lay'
31. (c) : Replace 'cannot' by 'could not'
32. (b) : Replace 'was' by 'were'
33. (d) : Replace 'has' by 'have'
34. (a) : Replace 'went' by 'gone'
35. (a) : Replace 'is going' by 'goes'.
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36. (d) : Replace 'asleep' by 'asleep'
37. (c) : Replace 'were you' by 'have you been'
38. (c) : Replace 'are' by 'have'
39. (c) : Remove 'have'
40. (a) : The correct form is 'Having been deprived from ...'
41. (c) : Remove 'shall'
42. (c) : Replace 'costed' by 'cost'
43. (c) : Replace 'does' by 'do' ('laws' is plural)
44. (c) : Replace 'had' by 'have'
45. (a) : Replace 'forecasted' by 'forecast'
46. (c) : Add 'had' before 'adopted'
47. (c) : Remove 'has'
48. (b) : Replace 'are' by 'is'
49. (b) : Replace 'have been' by 'are'
50. (c) : Replace 'meet' by 'meeting' 'Looking forward to' is followed by 'ing' form of the verb.

PRACTICE SET 11

Directions : In each of the following sentences, find out which part of the sentence has an error. The error may be idiomatic or grammatical. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'.

1. The duties of a policeman are regulating the traffic, (a) / investigating crime (b) / and to contain anti-social elements. (c) / No error (d)
(C.D.S. 1994)
2. If I was you (a) / I would not have (b) / committed this blunder. (c) / No error (d)
3. It is not surprising (a) / that her death cast (b) / a pall of gloom over all those (c) / who came in contact with her. (d) / No error (e)
4. Well, I spend six or seven years (a) / after high school (b) / trying to find a job for me (c) / but could not succeed in it. (d) / No error (e)
(Bank P.O. 1995)
5. Hardly did she finish (a) / the typing when (b) / the Manager entered the room (c) / with some more work. (d) / No error (e)
6. You will get (a) / all the information (b) / if you read this booklet carefully. (c) / No error (d)
(I.E.S. 1994)
7. Neither her husband (a) / nor her brother were able (b) / to help her in her work. (c) / No error (d)
8. As soon as the Principal (a) / entered the school (b) / all the students approached him (c) / and report the matter. (d) / No error (e)
(B.S.R.B. 1992)
9. He is writing novels (a) / ever since (b) / he became a graduate. (c) / No error (d)
10. If my father (a) / will approve (b) / I will go to Bombay. (c) / No error (d)
11. Not only the bandits robbed (a) / the traveller of his purse (b) / but they also wounded him grievously. (c) / No error (d)
(Central Excise, 1992)
12. Bacteria is probably (a) / the most common form (b) / of life on earth. (c) / No error (d)
13. Twenty miles are (a) / a long way (b) / to walk. (c) / No error (d)
(Clerk's Grade, 1995)
14. Will you please (a) / remind him to (b) / switch off the fans (c) / when he left? (d) / No error (e)
15. I pleaded with him with (a) / a view to convincing him (b) / of my innocence in the matter. (c) / No error (d)
(Asstt. Grade, 1995)
16. He drank once again (a) / as he was (b) / feeling thirsty. (c) / No error (d)
17. 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)
18. One of these days (a) / I will be going to (b) / confront you with incontrovertible evidence. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1992)
19. It is necessary (a) / that everybody (b) / must have a house. (c) / No error (d)

20. This small table (a) / will collapse (b) / if you will stand on it. (c) / No error (d)
(S.S.C. 1995)
21. Shobha asked the dealer (a) / what was the price (b) / of that bicycle and whether (c) / it is really made in Germany? (d) / No error (e)
(Bank P.O. 1995)
22. He refused to answer the question (a) / despite the fact (b) / that his silence will be interpreted as guilt. (c) / No error (d)
23. Sadhana was the one person (a) / who could somehow manage (b) / to working in that section (c) / for a long time. (d) / No error (e)
(S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
24. When we consider all the factors, which are many, (a) / the number of school dropouts (b) / are quite disturbing. (c) / No error (d)
25. The lecture to be held (a) / in the auditorium tomorrow (b) / was open to the public (c) / and free of charge. (d) No error (e)
26. While proceeding on leave (a) / he had committed (b) / that he would be resumed after two days. (c) / No error (d)
27. Coffee seeds (a) / is dried and roasted (b) / before they are ground into powder. (c) / No error (d)
(I. Tax, 1993)
28. If there had been (a) / no new thinking, (b) / life would follow the beaten track. (c) / No error (d)
29. My father did not (a) / heard from my younger brother (b) / who is abroad for over a month. (c) / No error (d)
30. While going (a) / through the report (b) / yesterday I find (c) / several factual mistakes. (d) / No error (e)
(Bank P.O. 1994)
31. The meeting adjourned abruptly (a) / by the Chairman after (b) / about three hours of deliberation. (c) / No error (d)
(C.D.S. 1995)
32. If the streets would have been (a) / clearly marked (b) / it would not have taken us (c) / so long to find his house. (d) / No error (e)
33. I and you (a) / know each other (b) / for the last six years. (c) / No error (d)
34. The eminent speaker's speech (a) / was broadcasted over (b) / all the major radio stations. (c) / No error (d)
(Section Officers, 1993)
35. Somewhere along the line (a) / I lost track of (b) / what Ashish said (c) / about heart ailments. (d) / No error (e)
36. When your father inquired (a) / about your marks (b) / you lied to him. (c) / Have you not? (d) / No error (e)
(Bank P.O. 1991)
37. I am sure that (a) / neither the flat nor its contents (b) / is for sale. (c) / No error (d)
38. It's time (a) / you started (b) / working. (c) / No error (d)
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
39. You are learning Tamil (a) / for the last one year (b) / but you show (c) / no improvement whatsoever. (d) No error (e)
40. Many a profound thinker believe (a) / that the march of civilisation (b) / has not coincided with real human progress. (c) / No error (d)
(Central Excise, 1994)
41. The last of the Mughal emperors of India (a) / was imprisoned (b) / and was later (c) / sent into exile by the British. (d) / No error (e)
42. The programme which (a) / came on television (b) / these days in the evenings (c) / is very interesting. (d) / No error (e)
(Railways, 1993)
43. On reaching the railway station (a) / he was disappointed to learn (b) / that the train left. (c) / No error (d)
44. Neither India nor Pakistan (a) / have yet acquired (b) / the capability to produce nuclear weapons. (c) / No error (d)
(N.D.A. 1995)
45. When I shall see him (a) / I shall tell him (b) / that you had called. (c) / No error (d)
46. I courteously asked him (a) / where was he going (b) / but he did not reply. (c) / No error (d)
(C.D.S. 1994)
47. No body believed him (a) / when he said that (b) / his son was gone out of the country. (c) / No error (d)
48. It is high time (a) / that we send (b) / the answer. (c) / No error (d)
49. I have had to work (a) / at the fountain for almost (b) / ten hours before it could (c) / start functioning well. (d) / No error (e)
(Bank P.O. 1995)
50. My body has long since exhausted all its energy, (a) / but it went on running (b) / just the same. (c) / No error (d)

ANSWERS

1. (c) : Replace 'to contain' by 'containing'
2. (a) : Replace 'was' by 'wee'
3. (d) : Replace 'came' by 'had come'
4. (a) : Replace 'spend' by 'spent'
5. (a) : Replace 'did she finish' by 'had she finished'
6. (a) : Replace 'will' by 'can'
7. (b) : Replace 'were' by 'was'
8. (d) : Replace 'report' by 'reported'
9. (a) : Replace 'is' by 'has been'
10. (b) : Replace 'will approve' by 'approves'
11. (a) : The correct form is 'Not only did the bandits rob'
12. (a) : Replace 'is' by 'are' ('Bacteria' is plural)
13. (a) : Replace 'are' by 'is'
14. (d) : Replace 'left' by 'leaves'
15. (b) : Replace 'convincing' by 'convince'
16. (d) : No error
17. (a) : Replace 'help' by 'helping'
18. (b) : Replace 'will be' by 'am'
19. (c) : Replace 'must' by 'should'
20. (c) : Remove 'will'
21. (d) : Replace 'is' by 'was'
22. (c) : Replace 'will' by 'could'
23. (c) : Replace 'working' by 'work'
24. (c) : Replace 'are' by 'is'
25. (c) : Replace 'was' by 'is'
26. (c) : Replace 'be resumed' by 'resume'
27. (b) : Replace 'is' by 'are' ('seeds' is plural)
28. (a) : Replace 'had been' by 'was'
29. (a) : Replace 'did' by 'has'
30. (c) : Replace 'find' by 'found'
31. (a) : The correct form is : 'The meeting was abruptly adjourned ...'
32. (a) : Replace 'would have' by 'had'
33. (b) : Replace 'know' by 'have known'
34. (b) : Replace 'broadcasted' by 'broadcast'
35. (c) : Replace 'said' by 'was saying'
36. (d) : Replace 'Have' by 'Did'
37. (c) : Replace 'is' by 'are'
38. (b) :
39. (a) : Replace 'are' by 'have been'
40. (a) : Replace 'believe' by 'believes'
41. (c) : Remove 'was'
42. (b) : Replace 'came' by 'comes'
43. (c) : Add 'had' before 'left'
44. (b) : Replace 'have' by 'has'
45. (a) : Remove 'shall'
46. (b) : The correct form is 'where he was going'
47. (c) : Replace 'was' by 'had'
48. (b) : Replace 'send' by 'sent'
49. (e) : No error
50. (b) : Replace 'went' by 'goes'

PRACTICE SET 12

Directions : In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The letter corresponding to that part is your answer. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'.

1. Firstly you should (a) / think over the meaning of the words (b) / and then use them. (c) / No error (d)
(Assistant Grade, 1996)
2. The driver tried his best (a) / to avert the accident by (b) / bringing the car (c) / to a sudden stop. (d) / No error (e)
3. The Sunrise Hotel was (a) / fully equipped to offer (b) / leisure stay (c) / to its clients. (d) / No error (e)
4. The technician reminded (a) / them to have a (b) / thoroughly cleaning of the (c) / machine after each use. (d) / No error (e)
(Bank P.O. 1993)
5. I am much glad (a) / that you have (b) / won the prize. (c) / No error (d)
6. My observation is that (a) / between Vivek and Shashi, (b) / Vivek is the most intelligent. (c) / No error (d)
(Bank P.O. 1991)
7. It very often (a) / happens that (b) / a man who talks most (c) / does little (d) / No error (e)
8. From all accounts (a) / I learn that (b) / he is the best and honest member (c) / of the new Cabinet. (d) / No error (e)
9. He is (a) / too intelligent (b) / to make a mistake. (c) / No error (d)
(U.D.C. 1995)
10. The flood situation this year (a) / is worst than (b) / that prevailed in the last year. (c) / No error (d)
11. People invent new machines (a) / when they (b) / think independent. (c) / No error (d)

12. Geometry and Drawing (a) / are more easier than (b) / Geography and Social Studies. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1989)
13. Some people get (a) / used to changes (b) / very easily than (c) / others do. (d) / No error (e)
14. My uncle forbade me (a) / not to go through (b) / the contents of his letter. (c) / No error (d)
15. This road is the worst (a) / than any other road in Delhi (b) / but remains unrepaired. (c) / No error (d)
16. Of all the friends (a) / I have had, he is the most helpful (b) / and less arrogant. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
17. A man entered the tavern (a) / and asked for some bread and cheese (b) / with a decided foreign accent. (c) / No error (d)
18. Our new playground (a) / is big and cleaner (b) / than theirs. (c) / No error (d)
19. Watch how careful (a) / the sparrow knits the (b) / straws into one another (c) / to form a nest. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1991)
20. It is rather ironically (a) / that so much is being spent (b) / on the statue of the one who had dedicated (c) / his life to the uplift of the poor. (d) / No error (e)
21. The car flew off the road (a) / and fell into the valley (b) / because Ashish (c) / was driving faster. (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
22. He is very blind (a) / to read (b) / smallest of prints. (c) / No error (d)
23. What is worst, (a) / this distortion cannot be corrected (b) / by either contact lens or glasses. (c) / No error (d)
24. In spite of working (a) / very neat and careful (b) / he could not win (c) / even the third prize. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
25. Sohanlal is (a) / richest (b) / of the two. (c) / No error (d)
26. On hearing the news, (a) / he went directly (b) / to the Manager's room. (c) / No error (d)
27. Even though it was (a) / raining bad (b) / I went out (c) / to get some medicines. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1993)
28. The Headmaster said that (a) / Sachin was capable of doing (b) / more better work. (c) / No error (d)
29. The night was bright, (a) / the clouds dispersed, (b) / and the stars were shining brightly in the sky. (c) / No error (d)
30. It is the duty of every citizen to do his utmost (a) / to defend the hardly-won (b) / freedom of the country. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1994)
31. Of the two (a) / he was trying the hardest (b) / to attain the highest percentage. (c) / No error (d)
32. Early rising (a) / brings out the better (b) / in a story writer. (c) / No error (d)
33. At the end of the Second World War (a) / the USA was stronger (b) / than any country in the world. (c) / No error (d)
34. Being the only people there (a) / their presence was (b) / most important. (c) / No error (d) (C.B.I. 1993)
35. He can play (a) / as good as (b) / he can write (c) / with his left hand. (d) / No error (e)
36. This is the more difficult (a) / piece of work (b) / I have every undertaken. (c) / No error (d)
37. He ultimately decided (a) / to willingly and cheerfully accept (b) / the responsibility entrusted to him. (c) / No error (d) (Assistant Grade, 1991)
38. The Principal was (a) / enough kind (b) / to grant me (c) / free studentship. (d) / No error (e)
39. He is now making matters (a) / a lot more worse (b) / by his almost daily apologies (c) / for having done so. (d) / No error (e)
40. I tried on both the dresses (a) / and finally decided (b) / to buy the expensive one. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1993)
41. It is (a) / nothing else (b) / than foolishness. (c) / No error (d)
42. The angry man walked hurriedly (a) / into the crowded room (b) / and shouted loud at the guest. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1993)
43. It very often happens (a) / that a man who talks most (b) / does little. (c) / No error (d)
44. I will give you (a) / a reward if you (b) / do your work (c) / satisfactory. (d) / No error (e)
45. The recent census tells us (a) / that the population of Calcutta (b) / is greater than any other town in India. (c) / No error (d)
46. After toiling very hardly (a) / over a long period of time (b) / he found that people

- recognised him as a successful person. (c) / No error (d) (M.B.A. 1995)
47. The tried travellers were bundled off (a) / to the nearby cop house (b) / till anyone could come (c) / and vouch for their credentials. (d) / No error (e)
48. I advised my son (a) / to engage two coolies instead of one (b) / because the luggage was too much heavy for a single coolie. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1993)
49. Everyone felt that (a) / the big glittering diamond (b) / was most unique. (c) / No error (d) (S.S.C. 1991)
50. There is no one (a) / whom I esteem highly (b) / than your father. (c) / No error (d)

ANSWERS

1. (a) : Replace 'Firstly' by 'First'
2. (d) : Replace 'suddenly' by 'sudden'
3. (c) : Replace 'leisure' by 'leisurely'
4. (c) : Replace 'thoroughly' by 'thorough'
5. (a) : Replace 'much' by 'very'
6. (c) : Replace 'the most' by 'more'
7. (c) : Replace 'most' by 'much'
8. (c) : The correct form is 'he is the best and most honest member ...'
9. (d) : No error
10. (b) : Replace 'worst' by 'worse'
11. (c) : Replace 'independent' by 'independently'
12. (b) : Remove 'more'
13. (c) : Replace 'very' by 'more'
14. (b) : Remove 'not'. 'Forbade' has a negative meaning and double negatives are not used.
15. (a) : Replace 'the worst' by 'worse'
16. (c) : Replace 'less' by 'least'
17. (c) : Replace 'decided' by 'decidedly'
18. (b) : Replace 'big' by 'bigger'
19. (a) : Replace 'careful' by 'carefully'
20. (a) : Replace 'ironically' by 'ironical'
21. (d) : Replace 'faster' by 'fast'
22. (a) : Replace 'very' by 'too'
23. (a) : Replace 'worst' by 'worse'
24. (b) : The correct form is 'very neatly and carefully'
25. (b) : Replace 'richest' by 'richer'
- When a comparison is made between two, comparative degree is used.
26. (b) : Replace 'directly' by 'direct'
27. (b) : Replace 'bad' by 'badly'
28. (c) : Replace 'more' by 'much'
- Avoid using double comparatives.
29. (c) : Replace 'brightly' by 'bright'
30. (b) : Replace 'hardly' by 'hard'
31. (b) : Replace 'the hardest' by 'harder'
32. (b) : Replace 'better' by 'best'
33. (c) : Replace 'any country' by 'any other country'
34. (c) : Remove 'most'
35. (b) : Replace 'good' by 'well'
36. (a) : Replace 'more' by 'most'
37. (d) : No error
38. (b) : The correct form is 'kind enough ...'
39. (b) : Remove 'more'
40. (c) : Add 'more' before 'expensive'
41. (c) : Replace 'than' by 'but'
42. (c) : Replace 'loud' by 'loudly'
43. (c) : Replace 'most' by 'much'
44. (d) : Replace 'satisfactory' by 'satisfactorily'
45. (c) : The correct form is '... greater than that of any other town'
46. (a) : Replace 'hardly' by 'hard'
47. (c) : Replace 'anyone' by 'someone'
48. (c) : Remove 'much'
49. (c) : Remove 'most'
50. (b) : Add 'more' before 'highly'

PRACTICE SET 13

Directions : In the questions given below, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. If there is no mistake, mark your answer as 'No error'.

1. The signpost at the gate (a) / of the garden read (b) / 'Trespassers will be persecuted'. (c) / No error (d)
2. If you lose your passport (a) / in a foreign country (b) / it will effect you hardly. (c) / No error (d)
- (Stenographers' Exam, 1993)

3. The verbal statement of the witness (a) / differed greatly (b) / from his written statement. (c) / No error (d)
(Section Officers, 1993)
4. Mahesh is a disciplined boy (a) / and does (b) / as he is told. (c) / No error (d)
5. A lot of travel delay is caused (a) / due to the inefficiency and lack of good management (b) / on behalf of the railways. (c) / No error (d)
6. You should (a) / never carry tales or (b) / tell ill of others. (c) / No error (d)
7. Having written my papers (a) / in the examination to my satisfaction, (b) / it was not unreasonable on my part (c) / to expect a good position in the university. (d) / No error (e)
8. The manager called the clerk and said whether (a) / he was in the habit of (b) / sleeping at home as well. (c) / No error (d)
(N.D.A. 1995)
9. It being a holiday (a) / all the hostel inmates (b) / decided to celebrate (c) / by going out to a movie. (d) / No error (e)
10. The crew were on board (a) / and they soon busied themselves (b) / in preparing to meet the storm. (c) / No error (d)
(Assistant Grade, 1996)
11. I and my friends performed the task (a) / as good as we could, (b) / however it did not turn out to be satisfactory. (c) / No error (d)
12. The statement made by the writer (a) / appears to be incorrect (b) / as Gandhiji was never born in Ahmedabad. (c) / No error (d)
(N.D.A. 1994)
13. The Minister said that (a) / such statements would definitely (b) / lower the moral of our soldiers. (c) / No error (d)
14. With the advancement of winter, (a) / the days grow shorter (b) / while the nights grow longer. (c) / No error (d)
(U.D.C. 1994)
15. Such candidates who have not (a) / cleared the written test (b) / will not be called (c) / for the interview. (d) / No error (e)
16. My brother has been (a) / living in America (b) / with his family (c) / for the past ten years. (d) / No error (e)
(S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
17. The house owners forget that even (a) / so simple a matter (b) / as cleaning and maintaining (c) / a lawn affects ecology and should not be neglected. (d) / No error (e)
18. The book is making (a) / waves and the sale (b) / is quite brisk in (c) / all major cities. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1995)
19. Amar introduced me (a) / to his friend (b) / who is a scientist and an engineer. (c) / No error (d)
20. When the college was established (a) / he was (b) / yet practising law. (c) / No error (d)
21. Like the Commission (a) / has recommended in its report, (b) / the rules need to be (c) / enforced more strictly. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1991)
22. The book on sociology (a) / brought in the market recently (b) / is really an asset (c) / for all college students. (d) / No error (e)
23. Students should work (a) / hard in order to (b) / build their carrier. (c) / No error (d)
(Clerks' Grade, 1991)
24. He is liable (a) / to be scolded (b) / for his misbehaviour (c) / before the guests. (d) / No error (e)
25. Each cigarette which (a) / a person smokes (b) / does some (c) / harm to him. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1992)
26. There is still (a) / little tea (b) / left in the cup. (c) / No error (d)
27. The weather (a) / of the new place (b) / did not suit Ravi. (c) / No error (d)
28. The angry father threatened his son (a) / that he would be (b) / hanged from the roof. (c) / No error (d)
29. I will spend (a) / my remaining life (b) / in the village. (c) / No error (d)
(C.B.I. 1993)
30. Mrs. Kulkarni's husband (a) / is a very good (b) / cooker. (c) / No error (d)
31. Good night, (a) / sir, (b) / have a seat. (c) / No error (d)
32. Some artists have taken a clue (a) / from medieval miniatures ; our epics and mythology (b) / and created works which please (c) / with their acute colour sense and skilful handling (d) / No error (e)
33. While luminaries of the dance world (a) / have no dearth of opportunities to display their art, (b) / upcoming dancers suffer from (c) / an unfortunate lack of exposure (d) / No error (e)
(Bank P.O. 1995)
34. My father is (a) / appreciated by his friends (b) / for his honesty. (c) / No error (d)
35. The higher we climb (a) / up the mountain peak, (b) / the cooler (c) / we feel. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)

36. Any of these (a) / two girls is (b) / your sister. (c) / No error (d)
37. Even many people (a) / carry an infection (b) / without showing its symptoms. (c) / No error (d) (S.S.C. 1993)
38. Every one of the students (a) / has brought (b) / his identity card. (c) / No error (d)
39. Experience has taught me (a) / not to ignore any man, high or low (b) / not to ignore anything, great or small. (c) / No error (d)
(N.D.A. 1994)
40. Michael and Johnson always help (a) / one another (b) / in times of need. (c) / No error (d)
41. You are the man (a) / who is held (b) / in high esteem by everybody. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
42. The television (a) / was discovered (b) / by John Baird. (c) / No error (d)
43. Can I lend (a) / your pencil (b) / for a minute, please ? (c) / No error (d)
(Section Officers, 1993)

44. The Chief Guest made (a) / an impressive speech (b) / after the Annual Function. (c) / No error (d)
45. One of the members (a) / expressed doubt if (b) / the Minister was an atheist. (c) / No error (d)
(Asstt. Grade, 1996)
46. He is known in the office (a) / only by his first name (b) / and no one knows (c) / his family name. (d) / No error (e)
47. We did the job (a) / as good as we could ; (b) / however it did not turn out to be satisfactory. (c) / No error (d)
(S.S.C. 1991)
48. Though the first portion (a) / of the book was dull (b) / the later part (c) / was quite interesting. (d) / No error (e)
49. Women are now working (a) / in every fields (b) / Like teaching, medicine, law, business, etc. (c) / No error (d)
(Clerks' Grade, 1991)
50. My host suffered (a) / from the illusion (b) / that I was a political leader. (c) / No error (d)

ANSWERS

1. (c) : Replace 'persecuted' by 'prosecuted'
2. (c) : Replace 'effect' by 'affect' ('effect' is a noun)
3. (a) : Replace 'verbal' by 'oral' or 'vocal'
4. (c) : Replace 'as' by 'what'
5. (c) : Replace 'on behalf' by 'on the part of' 'behalf' means 'in place of someone'
6. (c) : Replace 'tell' by 'speak'
7. (a) : Replace 'written' by 'answered'
8. (a) : Replace 'said' by 'asked' 'whether' is not preceded by 'said'
9. (d) : Add 'see' before 'a movie'
10. (c) : Replace 'meet' by 'face'
11. (b) : Replace 'good' by 'well'
12. (c) : Replace 'never' by 'not'
13. (c) : Replace 'moral' by 'morale' 'moral' means 'lesson taught by a story' 'morale' means 'spirit'
14. (a) : Replace 'advancement' by 'advent'
15. (a) : Replace 'Such' by 'Those'
16. (d) : Replace 'past' by 'last'
17. (d) : Replace 'ecology' by 'environment' 'Ecology' is the science of environment.
18. (c) : Replace 'quite' by 'very'
19. (c) : The correct form is 'who is both a scientist and an engineer' or 'who is a scientist as well as an engineer'
20. (c) : Replace 'yet' by 'still'
21. (a) : Replace 'Like' by 'As'
22. (b) : Replace 'brought' by 'introduced'
23. (c) : Replace 'carrier' by 'career' 'Carries' is something that carries
24. (e) : No error
25. (a) : Replace 'each' by 'every'
26. (b) : Replace 'little' by 'some'
27. (a) : Replace 'weather' by 'climate' 'Climate' means 'general environmental conditions' 'Weather' denotes 'climatic conditions on a particular day'
28. (c) : Replace 'roof' by 'ceiling'
29. (b) : Replace 'my remaining life' by 'the rest of my life'
30. (c) : Replace 'cooker' by 'cook' 'cook' is 'one who cooks' 'cooker' is 'a vessel for cooking'
31. (a) : Replace 'Good night' by 'Good evening' 'When we meet someone, we say 'Good evening', not 'Good night'
32. (a) : Replace 'clue' by 'cue'
33. (b) : Add 'no' before 'dearth'
34. (c) : Replace 'honestness' by 'honesty'
35. (b) : Remove 'peak' 'peak' is the highest point of a mountain. So, it is correct to say that we climbed up the mountain, not mountain peak.

36. (b) : Replace 'any' by 'either'.
'Either' is used to express 'one of the two'
37. (a) : Replace 'Even' by 'Often'.
38. (a) : Replace 'every' by 'each'
39. (c) : Replace 'great' by 'big'
40. (b) : Replace 'one another' by 'each other'.
'Each other' is used for two persons, while 'one another' is used for more than two
41. (c) : Replace 'everybody' by 'all'
42. (b) : Replace 'discovered' by 'invented'.
'discover' means 'tracing out something pre-existing but unknown'.
'invent' means 'finding out something new'
43. (a) : Replace 'lend' by 'borrow'.
'borrow' means 'taking something from someone'.
'lend' means 'giving something to someone'
44. (a) : Replace 'made' by 'delivered'.
A speech is always 'delivered'
45. (b) : Replace 'if' by 'that'
46. (d) : Replace 'family name' by 'surname'
47. (b) : Replace 'good' by 'well'
48. (c) : Replace 'later' by 'latter'.
'Latter' means 'Second', 'Later' denotes 'coming after'
49. (b) : Replace 'every' by 'all'
50. (b) : Replace 'illusion' by 'delusion'.
'illusion' means 'a defect in vision';
'delusion' means 'a false opinion'

PRACTICE SET 14

Directions : In each of the following questions, find out which part of the sentence has an error, idiomatic or grammatical. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'

- He was not only involved (a) / in her kidnapping (b) / but also in her murder. (c) / No error (d) (Assistant Grade, 1995)
- The presumption that the average investor did not understand (a) / or take interest in the affairs of the company (b) / is not correct. (c) / No error (d)
- I can't (a) / afford to pay (b) / that much for it. (c) / No error (d) (U.D.C. 1994)
- The two last (a) / chapters of the book (b) / are very interesting. (c) / No error (d)
- Even though he found the subject (a) / rather interesting Rajesh could not (b) / manage good marks (c) / in the examination. (d) / No error (e)
- You will come (a) / to my party tomorrow, (b) / isn't it? (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1995)
- With the introduction of new syllabus (a) / the number of colleges reporting high result (b) / is decreasing year after year. (c) / No error (d)
- What sort of a drug this is (a) / that no one seems to be able to predict its long-term effects (b) / with any certainty? (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1995)
- Never before in the history of the world (a) / such a thing has happened, (b) / I don't think that it will ever happen again. (c) / No error (d)
- The serial which appeared quite interesting initially (a) / turned out to be boring (b) / in its latter parts. (c) / No error (d) (Section Officers, 1993)
- Books which would have been unintelligible to us at fourteen (a) / delight and interest us (b) / in our twenty. (c) / No error (d)
- The Church Father emphasised (a) / that it is the duty (b) / laid on all Christians (c) / to love each other. (d) / No error (e)
- Her fascinating stories are so captivating (a) / that even after finishing the book, (b) / one is tempted to start over again. (c) / No error (d)
- Never I have listened to such beautiful music (a) / as the piece we heard (b) / on the radio last night. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1994)
- Foolishly, Sarita opened (a) / the cooker when (b) / it was full steam (c) / and burnt her hands. (d) / No error (e)
- He said that he was not afraid of thieves, (a) / for he had nothing (b) / that he could call as his own. (c) / No error (d)
- The lawyer told his client (a) / that he would represent him (b) / only if he pays up his fee. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
- No one in the class (a) / is an intelligent (b) / as Ajay is. (c) / No error (d)
- The world (a) / comprises (b) / good and bad people. (c) / No error (d)

- The Manager asked the worker (a) / why was he (b) / again disturbing (c) / the schedule of production. (d) / No error (e)
- If I were (a) / in his shoes (b) / I would die with shame. (c) / No error (d) (C.B.I. 1993)
- He was loyal (a) / and did good service (b) / in the war. (c) / No error (d)
- Passengers should be prohibited (a) / to smoke in (b) / the trains and buses. (c) / No error (d)
- Being a well known physicist (a) / he was invited (b) / to deliver (c) / a lecture on Laser technology. (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
- For young Donald, (a) / peace in Vietnam (b) / was almost terrible as war. (c) / No error (d)
- The teacher asked the students (a) / if were they ready (b) / to attend extra classes (c) / in late evening hours. (d) / No error (e)
- He speaks (a) / not only Tamil (b) / but Teluge as well. (c) / No error (d) (Central Excise, 1995)
- All the candidates (a) / felt that this year's (b) / question paper was very easy. (c) / No error (d)
- A hypothesis is a supposition (a) / put forward in explanation of (b) / observed facts. (c) / No error (d)
- The teacher insisted (a) / on me to participate (b) / in the debate. (c) / No error (d)
- When Anil was not (a) / able to show his ticket (b) / the conductor made him (c) / buying ticket. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
- Monika is going (a) / to her grandmother for a fortnight (b) / and after to Delhi. (c) / No error (d)
- Her fascinating stories are so captivating (a) / that even after finishing the book (b) / one is tempted (c) / to start over again. (d) / No error (e)
- We all (a) / take vegetable (b) / and fruit. (c) / No error (d)
- As a rule (a) / each of the boy (b) / cleans up the hostel (c) / thrice a month. (d) / No error (e)
- The reason why (a) / he was rejected (b) / was because he was too young. (c) / No error (d) (Assistant Grade, 1996)
- The demand of the workers' union (a) / that the dismissed (b) / employee to be reinstated, (c) / has been accepted by the management. (d) / No error (e)
- She sang (a) / very well (b) / isn't it? (c) / No error (d) (I.E.S. 1994)
- I have hardly some money (a) / but I think I will be able (b) / to get a loan tomorrow. (c) / No error (d)
- People should decide (a) / to not give (b) / or take dowry. (c) / No error (d) (Clerks' Grade, 1991)
- Most of the people (a) / are afraid (b) / of snakes. (c) / No error (d)
- Sunita was popular (a) / with her classmates that (b) / she always had someone or (c) / the other coming to her house. (d) / No error (e) (Railways, 1993)
- He participated (a) / in many a stage dramas (b) / during his college. (c) / No error (d)
- When learning to swim (a) / one of the most important things (b) / is to relax. (c) / No error (d) (Clerks' Grade, 1992)
- The doctor had scarcely (a) / stepped out of his clinic (b) / when he met with an accident. (c) / No error (d)
- Children who have had (a) / good pre-school education (b) / are most likely to out do (c) / other children at school. (d) / No error (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)
- Mine may not be (a) / a story of success (b) / but failures keep a person live. (c) / No error (d)
- He couldn't but help (a) / shedding tears at the plight of the villagers (b) / rendered homeless by a devastating cyclone. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1995)
- He has not only built (a) / this big theatre (b) / but he also built a few (c) / bungalows in this city. (d) / No error (e)
- We wanted to purchase (a) / something but all the three stores (b) / in that area (c) / were closed on that day. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1995)

ANSWERS

- (a) : The correct form is 'He was involved not only in ...'
- (d) : No error
- (d) : No error
- (a) : The correct form is 'The Last two ...'
- (c) : The correct form is '... manage to get good marks'
- (c) : Replace 'isn't it' by 'won't you?'

In a question tag, the negative of the same verb is used, which is used in the beginning of the sentence.

7. (d) : No error
8. (a) : Replace 'this is' by 'is this'
9. (b) : The correct form is '... has such a thing happened ...'
10. (c) : The correct form is '... towards the end'.
11. (c) : Replace 'twenty' by 'twenties'
12. (d) : Replace 'each other' by 'one another'
13. (c) : The correct form is '... one is tempted to start all over again'
14. (a) : The correct form is 'I have never listened such ...'
15. (c) : Replace 'full steam' by 'still steaming'
16. (c) : Remove 'as'
17. (c) : Remove 'up'
18. (c) : Remove 'is'
19. (d) : No error
20. (b) : The correct form is '... asked ... why he was ...'
21. (c) : The correct form is '... I would have died of shame'
22. (d) : No error
23. (b) : The correct form is '... prohibited from smoking ...'
24. (e) : No error
25. (c) : The correct form is '... almost as terrible as 'war'
26. (b) : The correct form is '... asked ... if they were ready ...'
27. (c) : Replace 'as well' by 'also'
28. (b) : The correct form is 'felt that this year the ...'
29. (b) : The correct form is 'put forward to explain' or 'put forward as an explanation of'
30. (b) : The correct form is '... on my participating'
31. (d) : Replace 'buying ticket' by 'buy one'
32. (c) : Replace 'after' by 'afterwards'
33. (d) : The correct form is 'to start all over again'
34. (a) : Replace 'we all' by 'All of us'
35. (b) : Replace 'each of the boy' by 'each boy'
36. (c) : Replace 'because' by 'that'
37. (c) : Remove 'to'
38. (c) : The correct form is 'didn't she?'
39. (a) : Replace 'some' by 'any'
40. (b) : The correct form is '... not to give ...'
41. (d) : No error
42. (a) : Add 'so' before 'popular'
43. (d) : No error
44. (b) : Add 'to remember' after 'things'
45. (d) : No error
46. (e) : No error
47. (c) : Replace 'live' by 'alive'
48. (a) : Remove 'but'
49. (c) : Remove 'he'
50. (c) : Replace 'that' by 'the'

PRACTICE SET 15

Directions : In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'.

1. The Ahujas (a) / are living in this colony (b) / for the last eight years. (c) / No error (d) (Section Officers, 1993)
2. Will that (a) / I were (b) / a millionaire. (c) / No error (d)
3. Although we reached his house on time (a) / he was left (b) / for the airport. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1996)
4. We should spend good part of the day (a) / in out of door activities and games (b) / because staying indoors all the time (c) / is bad for health. (d) / No error (e)
5. I am trying to finish (a) / this letter for the last one hour. (b) / I wish you would (c) / go away or stop disturbing me. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1995)
6. The factory which has been (a) / closed for the last (b) / six months has been (c) / guarded by the police. (d) / No error (e)
7. The little care (a) / could have prevented (b) / this terrible accident. (c) / No error (d)
8. I am waiting (a) / for you (b) / at this spot (c) / for the last two hours. (d) / No error (e)
9. He has seen (a) / the picture (b) / yesterday. (c) / No error (d) (Railways, 1996)
10. She is wealthy (a) / and can afford (b) / all the pleasures of life (c) / without care. (d) / No error (e)
11. He is working in (a) / a bank in New Delhi (b) / for the past several months. (c) / No error (d) (I.E.S. 1994)

12. The remedy lies (a) / in promoting values of humanism (b) / and democracy so as to combat (c) / the oncoming brand of fascism. (d) / No error (e)
13. After you will return (a) / from Shimla (b) / I will come and see you. (c) / No error (d) (I. Tax, 1993)
14. I was there (a) / many a times (b) / in the past. (c) / No error (d) (C.B.I. 1995)
15. I was standing (a) / at the bus stop (b) / waiting for him (c) / since eight O'clock. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1994)
16. The man is the only creature (a) / that has developed (b) / the power of speech. (c) / No error (d)
17. This pond is flooded (a) / with water because it is raining (b) / continuously for the (c) / last three days. (d) / No error (e)
18. In the course of time (a) / the winged reptiles growing bigger and bigger (b) / and better and better at flying. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1994)
19. All the problems are been (a) / written clearly (b) / on the board. (c) / No error (d)
20. 'The Arabian Nights' (a) / have lots of interesting stories (b) / for young readers. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)
21. Rich can get away (a) / with money and contacts (b) / but the poor have neither. (c) / No error (d)
22. Having deprived from their homes (a) / in the recent earthquake, (b) / they had no other option but (c) / to take shelter in a school. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1993)
23. When will we know (a) / who has won (b) / the competition? (c) / No error (d)
24. If a thing (a) / is worth doing at all (b) / it is worth done well. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1996)
25. My brother has (a) / and is still doing (b) / excellent work for his organisation. (c) / No error (d)
26. Few months after the assassination, (a) / Vinoba walked over to the village of Sevagram (b) / for a meeting with Gandhiji's closest followers. (c) / No error (d)
27. It was apparent to everyone present (a) / that he would die (b) / if he doesn't receive (c) / timely help. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1992)
28. It was a year of series of (a) / boundary situations forcing a thinking individual (b) / to face the absurdities and ambiguities (c) / of the human condition. (d) / No error (e)
29. If I will have enough (a) / time tomorrow (b) / I'll come and see you. (c) / No error (d) (I. Tax, 1993)
30. The remark made (a) / in the review is on (b) / the other chapter (c) / and having little relevance. (d) / No error (e)
31. We threw out some old furniture (a) / so that the new television set (b) / has enough space. (c) / No error (d)
32. At present both (a) / the civil and criminal powers (b) / are vested in the Head of the District. (c) / No error (d)
33. If I had known (a) / this yesterday (b) / I will have helped him. (c) / No error (d) (C.D.S. 1995)
34. Every man, woman and child (a) / is now aware of (b) / the terrible consequences (c) / of habit of smoking. (d) / No error (e)
35. The mission provides (a) / able service to all (b) / the needy people in this area (c) / during last few years. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1995)
36. She was filled with peculiar joy (a) / when she met her lost husband (b) / after a gap of five years. (c) / No error (d)
37. Frozen foods are so popular today (a) / that many people wonder (b) / how they ever lived without them. (c) / No error (d) (I. Tax, 1992)
38. The fact that (a) / the compact car is better than conventional cars (b) / has been proved by its sales. (c) / No error (d)
39. He makes it clear in the very first novel (a) / of this period that (b) / he sees his life and work on dramatic terms. (c) / No error (d) (N.D.A. 1994)
40. Today onwards we have been (a) / looking forward (b) / to your satisfactory progress. (c) / No error (d)
41. She was told (a) / to give the award to whosoever (b) / she thought has done the most for the downtrodden. (c) / No error (d)
43. I wonder (a) / what he has done with the book (b) / I lend him. (c) / No error (d) (Stenographer's Exam, 1995)
44. This is one of two types (a) / of communication receivers (b) / that is available for general use. (c) / No error (d)
45. Although we are free (a) / for the last forty five years or so, (b) / yet we

- continue to be economically backward.
(c) / No error (d)
- (Stenographers' Exam, 1993)
46. This room would look much better (a) / if you put a furniture (b) / in that corner.
(c) / No error (d)
47. The teacher promised (a) / that he will explain it (b) / if they come (c) / before school the following day. (d) / No error (e)
(Bank P.O. 1995)
48. Mahabharata contains veritable wealth (a) / of material for deep study and

- research (b) / but all mankind in today's strife-torn world. (c) / No error (d)
49. I will discuss the matter with him (a) / when I will see him (b) / in the next few days. (c) / No error (d)
(Assistant Grade, 1991)
50. He fell from a running train (a) / and would have died (b) / if the villagers did not get him admitted in the nearby hospital immediately. (c) / No error (d)
(I.E.S. 1994)

ANSWERS

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| 1. (b) : Replace 'are' by 'have been' | 27. (c) : Replace 'doesn't' by 'didn't' |
| 2. (a) : Replace 'will' by 'would' | 28. (a) : Add 'a' before 'series' |
| 3. (b) : Replace 'was' by 'had' | 29. (a) : Remove 'will' |
| 4. (a) : Add 'a' before 'good' | 30. (d) : Replace 'having' by 'has' |
| 5. (a) : Replace 'am' by 'have been' | 31. (c) : Replace 'has' by 'might have' |
| 6. (c) : Replace 'has been' by 'is being' | 32. (b) : Add 'the' before 'criminal' |
| 7. (a) : Replace 'The' by 'A' | 33. (c) : Replace 'will' by 'would' |
| 8. (a) : Replace 'am' by 'have been' | 34. (d) : Add 'the' before 'habit' |
| 9. (a) : Replace 'has seen' by 'saw' | 35. (a) : Replace 'provides' by 'has provided' |
| 10. (d) : Add 'a' before 'care' | 36. (a) : Add 'a' before 'peculiar' |
| 11. (a) : Replace 'is' by 'has been' | 37. (c) : Add 'had' before 'ever' |
| 12. (b) : Add 'the' before 'values' | 38. (b) : Add 'the' before 'conventional' |
| 13. (a) : Remove 'will' | 39. (a) : Replace 'makes' by 'has made' |
| 14. (a) : Replace 'was' by 'have been' | 40. (a) : Replace 'have been' by 'shall be' |
| 15. (a) : Replace 'was' by 'had been' | 41. (c) : Replace 'has' by 'had' |
| 16. (b) : Remove 'the' before 'man' | 42. (c) : Replace 'was' by 'is' |
| 17. (b) : Replace 'is' by 'has been' | 43. (c) : Replace 'lent' by 'lent' |
| 18. (b) : Replace 'growing' by 'have grown' | 44. (a) : Add 'the' before 'two' |
| 19. (a) : Remove 'been' | 45. (a) : Replace 'are' by 'have been' |
| 20. (b) : Replace 'have' by 'has' | 46. (b) : Remove 'a' |
| 21. (a) : Add 'The' before 'rich' | 47. (b) : Replace 'will' by 'would' |
| 22. (a) : Replace 'Having' by 'Having been' | 48. (a) : Add 'a' before 'veritable' |
| 23. (a) : Replace 'will' by 'shall' | 49. (b) : Remove 'will' |
| 24. (c) : Replace 'done' by 'being done' | 50. (c) : Replace 'did not get' by 'had not got' |
| 25. (a) : Replace 'has' by 'has been' | |
| 26. (d) : No error | |

PRACTICE SET 16

Directions : In the following questions, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'.

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| 1. There are much inconveniences (a) / that have to be put up with (b) / when you are camping. (c) / No error (d)
(Assistant Grade, 1995) | 3. Supposing if you (a) / are arrested, (b) / what will you do? (c) / No error (d)
(Stenographers' Exam, 1993) |
| 2. It is out duty (a) / to put off our shoes (b) / before entering the sanctum sanctorum of any temple or mosque. (c) / No error (d) | 4. The child is very precocious (a) / and not only speaks English (b) / but also German and French. (c) / No error (d) |
| | 5. When I called at him (a) / yesterday, he was busy (b) / writing a book (c) / No error (d) |

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| 6. We have helped them not only (a) / with money but also (b) / with new machinery (c) / and raw material. (d) / No error (e)
(Bank P.O. 1995) | 21. Our is the only country (a) / in the world (b) / that can boast of (c) / unity in diversity. (d) / No error (e) |
| 7. He was advised (a) / to be more cautious (b) / lest he is robbed again. (c) / No error (d)
(Asstt. Grade, 1991) | 22. The long-awaited moment at last came, (a) / and we set out for the station, (b) / as merry a band of children as I have ever seen before or since. (c) / No error (d)
(I. Tax, 1995) |
| 8. Rural women congregated the mud roofs (a) / when the colourful procession (b) / passed through the street. (c) / No error (d) | 23. What this company needs (a) / is not only qualified (b) / manpower but also (c) / dedicated workers. (d) / No error (e) |
| 9. None of the students attending your class (a) / answered your questions (b) / did they? (c) / No error (d)
(I.E.S. 1994) | 24. The cause of earth quakes (a) / is the heat in the (b) / earth interior. (c) / No error (d)
(Stenographers' Exam, 1995) |
| 10. Everyone expected (a) / the bold officer will face (b) / the situation with courage. (c) / No error (d) | 25. Had she not gone (a) / on writing the truth (b) / which she saw it (c) / these changes might have taken longer. (d) / No error (e)
(Central Excise, 1993) |
| 11. Jack has a far more expensive (a) / and luxurious apartment (b) / than John's. (c) / No error (d)
(S.C.R.A. 1993) | 26. As poor as they are (a) / they never refuse to donate, they have (b) / for any noble cause. (c) / No error (d) |
| 12. She is going (a) / to her aunt (b) / for the weekend (c) / and after to Bombay. (d) / No error (e) | 27. It is better (a) / to do not calculate (b) / your gains before (c) / they are realized. (d) / No error (e)
(S.S.C. 1995) |
| 13. Some leader feels (a) / that the use of English language (b) / will hamper (c) / the progress of the nation. (d) / No error (e)
(B.S.R.B. 1992) | 28. The wheat (a) / on this land is (b) / finer than last year. (c) / No error (d) |
| 14. Some ruling party members (a) / objected to the opposition (b) / raising the Bofors issue. (c) / No error (d) | 29. The students asked the teacher (a) / what should they do (b) / after they had finished the text. (c) / No error (d) |
| 15. These Acts were (a) / pushed through Parliament (b) / in spite of opposition (c) / but for little modification. (d) / No error (e) | 30. Tell me the name of (a) / a country where every citizen is law-abiding (b) / and no trouble is there. (c) / No error (d)
(N.D.A. 1996) |
| 16. Wearing extremely fashionable clothes (a) / and surrounded by photographers and pressmen, (b) / she swept up to the microphone. (c) / No error (d)
(U.D.C. 1994) | 31. Rahul thought that (a) / he would pass in the examination (b) / although he did not answer (c) / most of the questions correctly. (d) / No error (e) |
| 17. As though this were not bad enough (a) / nuclear power in India is vastly (b) / more expensive than it was (c) / assumed to be. (d) / No error (e) | 32. As there was only one taxi available (a) / I had no other alternative (b) / but to pay the fare demanded by the driver. (c) / No error (d) |
| 18. It is an established fact that the transcendental American poets and philosophers, (a) / who lived in the latter half of the nineteenth century, (b) / were more influenced by Indian philosophy, in particular by Upanishadic philosophy. (c) / No error (d)
(C.D.S. 1995) | 33. My friend is the kind of person (a) / who will face up (b) / to the most demanding tasks. (c) / No error (d)
(C.B.I. 1993) |
| 19. Shalini and I (a) / are good friends (b) / and we meet (c) / each other often. (d) / No error (e) | 34. He says he is (a) / going to (b) / Delhi tonight. (c) / No error (d) |
| 20. Sheela has scored a first class (a) / in her final exams, (b) / isn't it? (c) / No error (d)
(Section Officers, 1993) | 35. I have (a) / to usually reach (b) / the office by 9.30 A.M. (c) / No error (d)
(Assistant Grade, 1995) |
| | 36. Thinking that death is imminent (a) / one must perform (b) / noble deeds for virtue and goodness. (c) / No error (d) |
| | 37. The little boy knows (a) / how to start the engine (b) / but does not know to stop it. (c) / No error (d)
(U.D.C. 1995) |

38. Long ago, when I was yet a student (a) / I once went to Darjeeling, (b) / where I was charmed by the beautiful mountain sceneries (c) / that greeted me on all sides. (d) / No error (e)
39. Neither he (a) / nor his father is interested (b) / in joining the party (c) / No error (d)
40. No sooner the teacher entered the class (a) / than the pupils (b) / stopped talking. (c) / No error (d)
41. The fact that (a) / the compact car is better than conventional cars (b) / has been proved by its sales. (c) / No error (d)
42. This room would look much better (a) / if you put a furniture (b) / in that corner. (c) / No error (d) (Railways, 1993)
43. Several people (a) / saw the thief (b) / to snatch the jewellery. (c) / No error (d)
44. A high level meeting (a) / of officials is reporting (b) / to have discussed (c) / the issue in great detail. (d) / No error (e) (Bank P.O. 1994)
45. Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* (a) / have been read by me (b) / several times. (c) / No error (d) (U.D.C. 1994)
46. The difficult situation in which I found myself (a) / is not made easy (b) / by her constant nagging and grumbling. (c) / No error (d) (C.B.I. 1995)
47. Ever since the government (a) / announced its new policy, (b) / the private institutions had (c) / run into heavy weather. (d) / No error (e)
48. "Meatless Days" (a) / have been made (b) / into a film. (c) / No error (d) (S.S.C. 1995)

ANSWERS

1. (a) : Replace 'much' by 'many'
 2. (b) : Replace 'put' by 'take'
 3. (a) : Replace 'Supposing if' by 'In case'
 4. (b) : Replace 'not only speaks' by 'speaks not only'
 5. (a) : Replace 'at' by 'on'
 6. (e) : No error
 7. (c) : Replace 'is' by 'be'
 8. (a) : Add 'on' after 'congregated'
 9. (c) : Replace 'did they ?' by 'did any?'
 10. (b) : Replace 'will' by 'to'
 11. (c) : Replace 'John's' by 'John'
 12. (d) : Replace 'after' by 'afterwards'
 13. (a) : The correct form is 'some leaders feel'
 14. (b) : Replace 'opposition' by 'opposition's'
 15. (d) : Replace 'for' by 'with a'
 16. (d) : No error
 17. (a) : Replace 'though' by 'if'
 18. (c) : Replace 'more' by 'much'
 19. (e) : No error
 20. (c) : Replace 'isn't it?' by 'hasn't she?'
 21. (a) : Replace 'our' by 'ours'
 22. (c) : Replace 'before or since' by 'since or before'
 23. (e) : No error
 24. (c) : Replace 'earth' by 'earth's'
 25. (c) : Replace 'which' by 'as'
 26. (a) : The correct form is 'Poor as they are...'
 27. (b) : The correct form is 'not to calculate'
 28. (c) : Replace 'year' by 'year's'
 29. (b) : The correct form is '... what they should do'.
 30. (d) : No error
 31. (b) : Remove 'in'
 32. (d) : No error
 33. (a) : Replace 'the kind of person' by 'that kind of a person'
 34. (a) : Add 'that' after 'says'
 35. (d) : No error
 36. (c) : Replace 'for' by 'of'
 37. (c) : Add 'how' after 'know'
 38. (a) : Replace 'yet' by 'still'
 39. (d) : No error
 40. (a) : The correct form is 'No sooner did the teacher enter the class'
 41. (b) : Add 'the' before 'conventional'
 42. (b) : Remove 'a'
 43. (c) : Remove 'to'
 44. (b) : Replace 'reporting' by 'reported'
 45. (b) : Replace 'have' by 'has'
 46. (b) : Replace 'is' by 'was'
 47. (c) : Replace 'had' by 'have'
 48. (b) : Replace 'have' by 'has'

PRACTICE SET 17

Directions : The following sentences may contain errors in grammar, usage, diction (choice of words) or idiom. No sentence contains more than one error. You will find that the error, if there is none, is italicised and numbered. Assume that all other elements of the sentences are correct and cannot be changed. If there is an error, select the italicised part that must be changed to make the sentence correct. The number of that italicised part is your answer. If there is no mistake, the answer is 'No error'.

1. The brand proposition now therefore had to be (1) / that Keokarpin Antiseptic Cream is *more effective* (2) / because it penetrates deep down (being light and non-sticky) and *works from within* (3) / (because of its ayurvedic ingredients) to keep skin blemish, free and helps cope with cuts, nicks, burns and nappy rash. No error (4) (M.B.A. 1994)
2. It is argued that if the income of capitalists is *taxed sufficiently* (1) / by putting a *ceiling* to (2) / the maximum income of capitalists and by introducing legislation for the welfare of labourers and by freezing prices, the aims of socialism *will be realised* (3) / No error (4)
3. The average student, *devoid of* (1) / good accommodation or atmosphere for study at home, *utilises public libraries* for (2) / a great *advantage to himself*. (3) / No error (4)
4. Whereas Gandhi *appealed to* (1) / the good sense of the human nature and *sought after bringing out* (2) / the kinder elements in the capitalists and other selfish individuals, Nehru believed in a legally regulated *way of disciplining* (3) / the selfish elements in society. No error (4)
5. India has also become *quite conversant with* (1) / advancement *made by* (2) / the western civilization, science and culture *through the teaching of* (3) / the English language only. No error (4)
6. The *ability of plan*, (1) / organise and coordinate work is all *fundamental* (2) / to working within *deadline*. (3) / No error (4) (M.B.A. 1994)
7. In the legend of *churning the ocean* (1) / of the universe *we are told* (2) / that one of the objects *which came to* (3) / the surface was poison. No error (4)
8. Though today India is a free country, *yet that spirit* (1) / of unity appears to *have evaporated* (2) / which had made people think that they are *a one family* (3) / and one nation. No error (4)
9. Those suffering from *financial hardship*, (1) / should be *rendered* (2) / all possible help for the *prosecution of* (3) / their studies. No error (4)
10. Another reason for pharmaceutical companies *beefing up their* (1) / OTC (Over the Counter) divisions is that prescription drugs with proven safety records which *have been reached* (2) / the end of their patent *protection period are* (3) / allowed to be sold without a prescription. No error (4) (M.B.A. 1994)
11. Although widow remarriage is *legalised* (1) / for nearly a century, the majority of *so-called high caste* (2) / Hindus still *observe the custom* (3) / of enforced widowhood. No error (4)
12. The foreigners *had robbed India of* (1) / many things, but the greatest *loss for the country* (2) / has been the *seeds of dissension* (3) / which were sown in society by them. No error (4)
13. Remember that you are *part of* (1) / the team and your success depends on *the support* (2) / you are able to give and get from your other team *members*. (3) / No error (4) (M.B.A. 1994)
14. Although the object of the Britishers to *introduce* (1) / English as the medium of instruction in India may have been quite selfish, yet there is no doubt that the western system of education *did introduce* (2) / in India the liberalism of the western philosophers and *widened the outlook* (3) / of the Indians. No error (4)
15. The single biggest *gainer in this process* (1) / was ITC's Gold Flake Kings sales *are estimated* (2) / to have moved up from 50 million to 200 million sticks per month *during 1987 and last year*. (3) / No error (4) (M.B.A. 1994)
16. But if science is allowed to cause suffering and destruction, if it is *let off* (1) / without the control *dictated by* (2) / moral and human considerations, then science *becomes*. (3) / a bad master. No error (4)
17. Although agriculture is practically the only national industry in India, it is

- conducted in the unsatisfactory conditions (1) / and the average yield per acre of the different crops is consequently very much lower than in (2) / countries where agriculture is better organised. (3) / No error (4).
18. The whole thing moves (1) / around the concept of building a small dynamic (2) / organisation into a larger one. (3) / No error (4) (M.B.A. 1994)
19. When India had got freedom, (1) / she was faced with (2) / the gigantic task of ameliorating (3) / the economic condition of her masses. No error (4)
20. While initial reports indicate that the brand has been (1) / well received at the capital, (2) / it is still too early to say how much of an impact (3) / it will have in the long run. No error (4) (M.B.A. 1994)
21. The most important condition of (1) / a happy home is that the income of the family should be enough (2) / to meet the (3) / expenses of the family. No error (4).
22. It is one of the greatest responsibilities of modern scientists to see (1) / that their discoveries and inventions are utilised for (2) / the progress and welfare of humanity rather for its destruction. (3) / No error (4)
23. If you are great at ideas but not very good at getting into (1) / the nitty gritty (2) / of things and implementing them, then you work on a team (3) / that has someone who can implement. No error (4) (M.B.A. 1994)
24. A role of great importance that India played (1) / in international field is that of bringing about (2) / a happy synthesis of conflicting ideology. (3) / No error (4)
25. Our ancestors would find themselves in a world quite unlike (1) / what they saw in their life-time if they were to wake up (2) / after their sleep for centuries. (3) / No error (4)
26. In management, as you rise higher, (1) / the problems you face become more and more unstructured and you can't just fall back on (2) / the tools you had been (3) / taught. No error (4) (M.B.A. 1994)
27. All writers on the subject (1) / of democracy have dwelt with (2) / the difficulty against which (3) / the aims and ideals of democracy have to contest. No error (4)
28. It was in pursuance of (1) / this policy of divide and rule (2) / that the Britishers got India parted into (3) / two countries. / No error (4)

ANSWERS

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| 1. (1) :is | 15. (2) sales of which are estimated |
| 2. (2) :ceiling on | 16. (1) :let loose |
| 3. (2) :utilises public libraries to | 17. (1) :under the unsatisfactory conditions |
| 4. (2) :sought to bring out | 18. (3) :large dynamic one |
| 5. (4) :No error | 19. (1) :got freedom |
| 6. (3) :the deadline | 20. (4) :No error |
| 7. (1) :the churning of the ocean | 21. (1) :Condition for |
| 8. (3) :one family | 22. (2) :utilised to |
| 9. (4) :No error | 23. (3) :work in a team |
| 10. (2) :have reached | 24. (1) :India has played |
| 11. (1) :has been legalised | 25. (3) :sleep of centuries |
| 12. (2) :loss to the country | 26. (2) :fall back upon |
| 13. (1) :a part of | 27. (2) :dwelt on |
| 14. (1) :in introducing | 28. (3) :partitioned into |

TYPE 2: DETECTING ERRORS IN SPECIFIC WORDS IN A SENTENCE

In this type of questions, generally a sentence is given in which some words are marked and labelled (a), (b), (c) and (d). The candidate is required to choose out the erroneous part. The error may be in the spelling of the word, or in its usage in context of the sentence. If, however, all the four words are appropriate and correctly spelt, then option (e) i.e. 'All correct' is the answer.

Ex. 1. : The distribution (a) / of fuel and power resources is irregular, (b) / so that few countries (c) / have all sources available (d) / to them. All correct (e)

Sol. Clearly, in the given sentence, the word 'available' is wrongly spelt. The correct spelling is 'available'. Hence, the answer is (d).

Ex. 2. According (a) / to me he is the ideal (b) / choice for performing (c) / this roll. (d) / All correct (e).

Sol. Clearly, in the above sentence, the word 'roll' has been wrongly used. The correct word is 'role'. Hence, the answer is (d).

PRACTICE SET 18

Directions : In each sentence below, four words/group of words which are labelled (a), (b), (c) and (d) have been printed in bold type, one of which may be either inappropriate in the context of the sentence or wrongly spelt. If all the four are appropriate and also correctly spelt, mark 'All correct' as the answer.

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| 1. The existence (a) / and attitudes (b) / of the colonial (c) / army were decisive. (d) / to the outbreak of the Civil War. All correct (e). | 11. In olden days' contiguous diseases (a) / like cholera (b) / took a heavy toll (c) / owing to the lack of medical facilities (d) / All correct (e) |
| 2. The success of a man (a) / in business (b) / depends over (c) / his attention to small things (d) / All correct (e) | 12. Trees give shed for the benefit of others, (a) / and while they themselves endure (b) / the scorching heat (c) / they produce the fruit by which others profit (d) / All correct (e) |
| 3. No contry (a) / can isolate (b) / itself from international (c) / politics (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992) | 13. The committee (a) / underestimates (b) / the efforts involved (c) / and hence falls short of suggesting majors (d) / to solve the problem. All correct (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1991) |
| 4. He appears (a) / to be unreasonably (b) / anxious (c) / about solving his neighbour's (d) / problem. All correct (e) | 14. The enemy (a) / attacked (b) / our outpost (c) / and injured five soldiers (d) / All correct (e) |
| 5. A very important secret of (a) / the art of writing (b) / biographies (c) / is that the secondary characters must be delineated (d) / with the same care as the central figure. All correct (e) | 15. The other half is the spirite (a) / in which the organisation (b) / functions and the attitude (c) / towards it of successive (d) / governments. All correct (e) |
| 6. The peculiar (a) / dress he wear (b) / gave him a comical (c) / appearance (d) / All correct (e) (Bank P.O. 1992) | 16. The defendent (a) / presented written evidence (b) / to prove (c) / that he was not present at the scene. (d) / All correct (e) (Bank P.O. 1992) |
| 7. If a country is to prosper, (a) / it must produce goods both for domestic (b) / consumption (c) / and for imports abroad (d) / All correct (e) | 17. He is composing articles (a) / delivering oration (b) / and conducting (c) / the most impassioned (d) / interviews. All correct (e) |
| 8. Religious people are (a) / afraid of (b) / sinful (c) / actions (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1996) | 18. In search (a) / of food (b) / the dog left (c) / the village. (d) / All correct (e) |
| 9. The terrorists (a) / kidnaped (b) / the son of a wealthy (c) / businessman (d) / All correct (e) | 19. Jems (a) / and jewellery (b) / have very low export (c) / value. (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1996) |
| 10. To strengthen (a) / his arguments (b) / the lawyer showed to the judge some of the experts (c) / from a magazine (d) / All correct (e) (Bank P.O. 1992) | 20. The new lecturer (a) / has devised (b) / a novel method (c) / of solving this problem. (d) / All correct (e) |

21. Every human (a) / being has a responsibility (b) / for justise (c) / anywhere in the community (d) / All correct (e)
22. Multiple (a) / choice papers, which set a large number of questions (b) / on the details of a passage (c) / to be read, impose (d) / a problem. All correct (e)
23. Through his inspiring (a) / speech, the officer maintained (b) / the morale (c) / of the personal (d) / in his division. All correct (e) (Bank P.O. 1992)
24. The debtors (a) / and the recepients (b) / of aid must also acknowledge (c) / their need to accept reasonable (d) / terms of aid. All correct (e)
25. The storm soon (a) / disappeared (b) / and the sun started (c) / to shine. (d) / All correct (e) (C.B.I. 1991)
26. The lieutenant (a) / declared that (b) / all boy-scouts were required (c) / to put on khaki half-pants (d) / on the day of the function. All correct (e)
27. Language is a powerful tool and skillful (a) / writers and speakers can manipulate (b) / their audiences in many ways, often harmlessly, (c) / but sometimes to quite devastating effect (d) / All correct (e)
28. Eradication (a) / of illiteracy (b) / cannot be attained (c) / fully unless people cooperate whole-heartedly, (d) / All correct (e)
29. As impressive (a) / as the quality (b) / of his work is the fact that he did not use any highly sophisticated (c) / photographic equipment (d) / for the job. All correct (e)
30. No sooner we entered (a) / than (b) / he got up (c) / and left (d) / the room. All correct (e) (C.B.I. 1991)
31. A religion (a) / which takes no note of this world (b) / and only harpes (c) / on the one beyond, does not deserve (d) / the name. All correct (e)
32. Scents (a) / have utter (b) / disregard for wealth and (c) / worldly matters, (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1996)
33. The President has issued an ordinance (a) / to confiscate (b) / the property of the accused (c) / in the misappropriation (d) / case. All correct (e) (Bank P.O. 1992)
34. Whenever we are attacked (a) / by an ailment or disease, we call in (b) / a doctor who examines us, diagnoses our malady (c) / and proscribes a curative medicine. (d) / All correct (e)
35. Kashmir valley (a) / is full (b) / of wild yallow (c) / flowers. (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
36. Subtel (a) / nuances (b) / and hues of the Indian languages (c) / as spoken in all these places settle down in his psyche. (d) / All correct (e)
37. Through persistent (a) / exercises (b) / and nourishing diet, he has maintained (c) / a fine physic. (d) / All correct (e) (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
38. Language (a) / is based on man's deepest emotions (b) / and enreached (c) / by his conceptual (d) / grasp of the world. All correct (e)
39. They made substantial (a) / investment (b) / in production of fertilizers (c) / and insecticides. (d) / All correct (e) (Bank P.O. 1992)
40. The advent (a) / of the electricity has definitely (b) / improved (c) / the quality (d) / of life in villages. All correct (e)
41. Being very docile (a) / all lenient, (b) / he doesn't have excess (c) / to the higher authorities. (d) / All correct (e) (Bank P.O. 1992)
42. A Seperate (a) / bill will be submitted (b) / for discussion and sympathetic (c) / reconsideration. (d) / All correct (e)
43. This is (a) / the time of (b) / the year where (c) / the birds came (d) / to eat the crops. All correct (e) (C.B.I. 1991)
44. We are expected (a) / to excel (b) / in all walks (c) / of life during our formative (d) / years. All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1991)
45. He who is indeed of the brotherhood (a) / does not voyage (b) / in quest of the picturisque, (c) / but of certain jolly humours. (d) / All correct (e)
46. During India's freedom struggle (a) / the national leaders ensured (b) / the masses (c) / that in free India the Panchayats would get back their lost (d) / power and glory. All correct (e)
47. The masterkey (a) / to success (b) / is to work hard and not west (c) / time in gossips. (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1996)
48. You are entitled (a) / to obtain (b) / two additional (c) / gifts. (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
49. Examiners of English language papers coment (a) / frequently (b) / and bitterly on the general inability of

- candidates (c) / to use the apostrophe (d) / correctly. All correct (e)
50. If you know you become nervous on these occassions (a) / it's worth starting well

in advance practising (b) / techniques (c) / for dealing with your nervousness. (d) / All correct (e)

ANSWERS

1. (a) : The correct spelling is 'existence'.
 2. (c) : The word 'depend' takes preposition 'upon'.
 3. (a) : The correct spelling is 'country'.
 4. (d) : The correct spelling is 'neighbour's'.
 5. (d) : The correct spelling is 'delineated'.
 6. (b) : Replace 'wear' by 'wore'.
 7. (d) : Replace 'imports' by 'exports'. 'Export' refers to the act of sending out goods from a country. 'Import' means 'bringing goods into the country'.
 8. (e) : All correct.
 9. (b) : The correct spelling is 'kidnapped'.
 10. (c) : Replace 'experts' by 'excerpts'. 'Excerpts' means 'extracts'.
 11. (a) : The correct spelling is 'contagious'.
 12. (a) : Replace 'shed' by 'shade'. 'Shed' is an enclosure for cattle. 'Shade' means 'shadow'.
 13. (d) : Replace 'majors' by 'measures'. 'measures' means 'ways'.
 14. (d) : Replace 'injured' by 'wounded'.
 15. (a) : The correct spelling is 'spirit'.
 16. (a) : The correct spelling is 'defendant'.
 17. (b) : The correct spelling is 'oration'.
 18. (e) : All correct.
 19. (a) : The correct spelling is 'Gems'.
 20. (d) : All correct.
 21. (c) : The correct spelling is 'justice'.
 22. (d) : Replace 'impose' by 'pose'.
 23. (d) : Replace 'personal' by 'personnel'.
 'Personal' means 'private' and 'personnel' means 'working men'.
 24. (o) : The correct spelling is 'recipients'.
 25. (d) : Replace 'to shine' by 'shining'.
 26. (d) : Replace 'half-pants' by 'shorts'.
 27. (a) : The correct spelling is 'skilful'.
 28. (b) : The correct spelling is 'illiteracy'.
 29. (c) : The correct spelling is 'sophisticated'.
 30. (c) : The correct form is 'No sooner did we enter...'.
 31. (c) : The correct spelling is 'harps'.
 32. (a) : Replace 'Scents' by 'Saints'.
 33. (a) : Replace 'ordnance' by 'ordinance'.
 34. (d) : Replace 'proscribes' by 'prescribes'. 'prescribe' means 'recommend', 'proscribe' means 'disallow'.
 35. (c) : The correct spelling is 'yellow'.
 36. (a) : The correct spelling is 'Subtle'.
 37. (a) : Replace 'persistent' by 'regular'.
 38. (c) : The correct spelling is 'enriched'.
 39. (e) : All correct.
 40. (e) : All correct.
 41. (c) : Replace 'excess' by 'access'.
 42. (a) : The correct spelling is 'separate'.
 43. (c) : Replace 'where' by 'when'.
 44. (e) : All correct.
 45. (c) : The correct spelling is 'picturesque'.
 46. (b) : Replace 'ensured' by 'assured'.
 47. (c) : Replace 'west' by 'waste'.
 48. (b) : The correct spelling is 'obtain'.
 49. (a) : The correct spelling is 'comment'.
 50. (a) : The correct spelling is 'occasions'.

PRACTICE SET 19

Directions : In each sentence below, four words which are printed in bold have been labelled (a), (b), (c) and (d). One of them may be either wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word which is wrongly spelt or inappropriate, if there is any. The letter corresponding to that word is the answer. If all the words printed in bold are spelt correctly and are appropriate in the context, mark 'All correct' as the answer.

1. Every member of a community (a) / should fulfill (b) / his moral (c) / obligations (d) / towards the other fellow members. All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
2. The travel (a) / across the sandy desert (b) / was an exhausting one (c) / for the caravan. (d) / All correct (e)
3. A snake (a) / leaved (b) / in the hole (c) / of a giant (d) / tree. All correct (e)
4. To keep injuries (a) / away from interfering (b) / with the progress of the game the player was advised to take treatment (c) / off (d) / the field. All correct (e).
5. People take undue (a) / advantage of his (b) / simplicity and (c) / chit him (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1996)

6. **Outside** (a) / the house there was a **heap** (b) / of **rotten** (c) / egg **shells**. (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1991)
7. Our decisions **emanate** (a) / from our objective **evaluation** (b) / of the **realities** (c) / of the situation in any given **context**. (d) / All correct (e)
8. The purpose of (a) / the United Nations, **broad speaking**, (b) / is (c) / to maintain peace and security and to **encourage** (d) / respect for human rights. All correct (e) (C.B.I. 1991)
9. In these **Cirkumstances** (a) / the search for a **definable** (b) / Indian **culture** (c) / seems to be more or less an act of **folly** (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
10. **Whosoever** (a) / that **practises** (b) / religion is **endowed** (c) / with more merits and less **démerits**. (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
11. When the world is **normally** (a) / cheerful and **comfortable**, (b) / we hold the **paradoxical** (c) / belief that **philosophers** (d) / were wise men. All correct (e)
12. The **ties** (a) / of love and **affection** (b) / are more important than **religious** (c) / **dogmas**. (d) / All correct (e) (Bank P.O. 1992)
13. Quite a **sizeable** majority of people (a) / are under the **impression** (b) / that happiness **consists** in getting (c) / as many physical comforts and **sensual** pleasures as possible. (d) / All correct (e)
14. The report **envisages** (a) / **crucial** (b) / **guidlines** (c) / on **extra-ordinary** (d) / research methods. All correct (e)
15. My uncle **has** (a) / **brought up** (b) / a book **which** (c) / is based on (d) / his research work. All correct (e). (C.B.I. 1991)
16. Had they been **true** (a) / to their **calling**, (b) / they should have been **vigorously** (c) / **combatting** (d) / it. All correct (e)
17. The **listeners** (a) / **responded** (b) / **favourable** (c) / to the leader's **appeal**. (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
18. **Painting and sculpture** (a) / are the common **means** (b) / of emotional **aesthetic** (c) / **impression** (d) / of the artist with the help of pen and colour. All correct (e)
19. We seem to want the **advantages** (a) / of the **technological** (b) / advances of the **scientific** (c) / age but we try hard to keep our unscientific **tempre** (d) / intact. All correct (e)
20. The **cashier** (a) / at the **counter** (b) / was busy **distributing** (c) / the **cheque**. (d) / No error (e) (B.S.R.B. 1991)
21. **Hardheaded** (a) / politicians are often **aicussed** (b) / by their rational **opponents** (c) / of consulting **astrologers**. (d) / All correct (e)
22. His **decision** was based on (a) / **adequate** and (b) / **acurate** (c) / **information**. (d) / All correct (e)
23. They **appreciated** (a) / his **wholehurted** (b) / **contribution** (c) / to the social **cause** (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1996)
24. He **mate** (a) / with a **fatal** (b) / **accident** (c) / last **Wednesday**. (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
25. **Whatever** (a) / may be the difficulties or **inconviniences** (b) / in the **operation** (c) / of strict **bilingualism** (d) / it is the only safe course possible at present. All correct (e) (Bank P.O. 1992)
26. The **descriptions** (a) / in the **autobiography** (b) / range **wide** (c) / from **fanciful** (d) / to matter of fact. All correct (e)
27. Hundreds of jet aircraft **knifing** (a) / through the stratosphere at **supersonic** speeds (b) / inject large amounts of water vapour that cause **cloudiness** (c) / and hence a change of **reflection** of earth. (d) / All correct (e)
28. Sorry for the **inconvenience** (a) / caused due to our delayed **delivery** (b) / but the dispatcher is already **reprimanded** (c) / for this **elapse**. (d) / All correct (e)
29. The **terrorists** (a) / **kidnaped** (b) / the son of a **wealthy** (c) / **businessman**. (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1991)
30. The ideas **conceived** (a) / by the **scholar** (b) / were warmly **applauded** (c) / by the **audiance**. (d) / All correct (e)
31. If (a) / you **will buy** (b) / one box at the regular price, you would receive **another one** (c) / at **no** (d) / extra cost. All correct (e) (C.B.I. 1991)
32. All the **guests** (a) / **spontaneously** (b) / **remarked** (c) / that the dish was very **testy**. (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1992)
33. My relations would become more **perturbed** (a) / if I became a **succesfull** (b) / company **promoter**

- (c) / with the most **materialistic** (d) / philosophy. No error (e)
34. Our country is ctically **affected** (a) / by **widespread** (b) / **deforestation** (c) / and **steady** (d) / destruction of natural watersheds. All correct (e)
35. He was the only **influential** (a) / person to be **impressed** (b) / by his **scholarly** (c) / **deliberations**. (d) / All correct (e) (Bank P.O. 1992)
36. Nor is the **truaint** (a) / always in the streets, for if he **prefers**, (b) / he may go out by the gardened **suburbs** (c) / into the **country**. (d) / All correct (e)
37. He thought of a **cruel** (a) / plan to **taste** (b) / his **skill** (c) / in **archery**. (d) / All correct (e) (B.S.R.B. 1996)
38. Two world wars within a **generation** (a) / and the **potentialities** (b) / of nuclear warfare have made the **establishment** of international order (c) / the **paramount** (d) / concern of Western civilisation. All correct (e)
39. The old man **cut** (a) / the huge Ashoka tree **with** (b) / **hardly** (c) / **no effort** (d) / at all. All correct (e) (C.B.I. 1991)
40. **Whatever** (a) / the cause of the worry the best way to break out of this **viscous** (b) / circle is to seek help by talking to someone **whom** (c) / you can trust to take out **Seriously** (d) / and who might advise you. No error (e)

ANSWERS

1. (b) : The correct spelling is 'fulfil'.
 2. (a) : Replace 'travel' by 'journey'.
 3. (b) : The correct spelling is 'lived'.
 4. (b) : The correct spelling is 'interfering'.
 5. (d) : Replace 'hit' by 'cheat'.
 6. (c) : The correct spelling is 'rotten'.
 7. (b) : The correct spelling is 'evaluation'.
 8. (b) : Replace 'broad' by 'broadly'.
 9. (a) : The correct spelling is 'circumstances'.
 10. (e) : All correct.
 11. (c) : The correct spelling is 'paradoxical'.
 12. (e) : All correct.
 13. (a) : The correct spelling is 'sizable'.
 14. (c) : The correct spelling is 'guidelines'.
 15. (b) : Replace 'brought up' by 'brought out'.
 16. (d) : The correct spelling is 'combating'.
 17. (c) : Replace 'favourable' by 'favourably'.
 18. (d) : Replace 'impression' by 'expression'.
 19. (d) : The correct spelling is 'temper'.
 20. (a) : The correct spelling is 'cashier'.
 21. (b) : The correct spelling is 'accused'.
 22. (c) : The correct spelling is 'accurate'.
 23. (b) : The correct spelling is 'whole hearted'.
 24. (a) : Replace 'mate' by 'met'.
 25. (b) : The correct spelling is 'inconveniences'.
 26. (c) : Replace 'wide' by 'widely'.
 27. (d) : Replace 'reflection' by 'reflectivity'.
 28. (d) : Replace 'elapse' by 'lapse'.
 29. (b) : The correct spelling is 'kidnapped'.
 30. (d) : The correct spelling is 'audience'.
 31. (b) : Remove 'will'.
 32. (d) : The correct spelling is 'tasty'.
 33. (b) : The correct spelling is 'successful'.
 34. (e) : All correct.
 35. (e) : All correct.
 36. (a) : The correct spelling is 'truant'.
 37. (b) : Replace 'taste' by 'test'.
 38. (b) : The correct spelling is 'potentialities'.
 39. (d) : Replace 'no' by 'any'.
 40. (b) : Replace 'viscous' by 'vicious'.