



Practice Test-8

Number of questions: 20

Time Allowed: 20 mins.

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

1. They lament and express their despair _____ the way Gandhi has been forgotten in his own land.
(a) over (b) of
(c) in (d) with
2. The council _____ on this issue.
(a) is divided (b) are divided
(c) is being divided (d) is getting divided
3. After having sought my help, _____.
(a) my friend left me all alone
(b) I was left all alone by my friend
(c) I was alone
(d) I asked her to leave me alone
4. I have known her _____ the end of the World War II.
(a) from (b) since
(c) during (d) towards
5. The landlady _____ since morning.
(a) has gossiped (b) has been gossiping
(c) gossiped (d) has gossiped

Directions for questions 6 to 15 : Identify the part of the sentence that contains a grammatical or spelling error. Mark that part as your answer.

6. She has arrived when we reached the station.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
7. This is the eldest manuscript in the library.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
8. Moliere's plays are greater than
(a) (b)
any other dramatist in France.
(c) (d)
9. This is the most unique insect.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
10. He have no parallel in the
(a) (b) (c)
world of country music.
(d)

11. The two brothers were quarreling
(a) (b)
with one another.
(c) (d)
12. I had to do so because I felt
(a)
that the safety of my sister-nurses
(b)
and female attendants were in peril.
(c) (d)
13. I did not wait because
(a) (b)
he had went before I reached his place.
(c) (d)
14. Judge in him prevailed and he
(a) (b) (c)
sentenced his son to imprisonment.
(d)
15. There are no news today.
(a) (b) (c) (d)

Directions for questions 16 to 20: In each of the following questions, a word is followed by four alternatives choose the one which is most opposite in meaning to the given word.

16. Audit
(a) Check (b) Bother
(c) Study (d) Overlook
17. Authentic
(a) Real (b) Genuine
(c) Confirm (d) Duplicate
18. Avid
(a) Eager (b) Passive
(c) Interested (d) Energetic
19. Baffle
(a) Conjure (b) Clarify
(c) Confound (d) Perplex
20. Baleful
(a) Malevolent (b) Destructive
(c) Benign (d) Destroy



Answer Key

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| 1. (a) | 2. (b) | 3. (a) | 4. (b) | 5. (b) | 6. (b) | 7. (c) | 8. (c) | 9. (c) | 10. (a) |
| 11. (d) | 12. (d) | 13. (c) | 14. (a) | 15. (b) | 16. (d) | 17. (d) | 18. (b) | 19. (b) | 20. (c) |



Explanations

1. a 'To despair over something' is the right use of the preposition.
2. b Council takes plural verb 'are' because the sentence talks about members who have different views.
3. a After the modifier clause, the noun being modified 'my friend' should immediately succeed the modifier clause.
4. b 'Since' indicates a point of time when the action began and has continued till the present.
5. b 'has been gossiping' shows a continuous action that is still going on.
6. b 'had arrived' is the correct phrase. When the adverb clause of time is in the simple past tense (reached), the main clause must be in the past perfect tense.
7. c Use 'the oldest manuscript' as 'elder' and 'eldest' apply to persons only.
8. c The correct phrase is 'those of any other dramatist' as the comparison is between the plays of Moliere and those of other dramatists.
9. c 'A unique insect' should be used as unique expresses a superlative meaning. Hence, we cannot say most unique (two superlatives can't be together).
10. a 'He' as a singular subject will take the singular verb 'has'.
11. d Replace 'one another' by 'each other' because the reference is only to two persons.
12. d The subject of the clause is a singular one, i.e. 'safety'. Hence, the singular auxiliary verb 'was' will be used.
13. c 'had gone' is the past perfect tense and is the correct usage.
14. a The definite article 'the' should be used before judge.
15. b 'There is no news today'. News is a singular noun. It always takes a singular verb.
16. d An audit is a check to determine whether things are done properly. So, its opposite is 'overlook'.
17. d 'authentic' means genuine, its opposite is 'duplicate'.
18. b An avid person is active. Its opposite is passive.
19. b To baffle is to confuse someone. 'clarify' is its opposite.
20. c 'baleful' means being evil or destructive in influence. Hence, its opposite is 'benign', which means being gentle.