

# English Sample Paper - 2

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Directions ( Q. 1-3): In the following questions, some of the sentences have error and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error. The number of that part is your answer. If there is No error, the answer is (d).

1. The students could not understand (a)/why the teacher was (b)/angry upon them. (c)/No error (d).
2. This book (a)/is quite different than (b)/the previous one. (c)/No error (d).
3. That day when they brought her back for the last time (a)/there was many old-timers (b)/who were shocked and fearful. (c)/No error (d).

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

4. No sooner had she heard the news when she fainted .  
(a) that she fainted  
(b) than she fainted  
(c) and she fainted  
(d) No improvement
5. At the very moment they were showing signs of growing nervousness, isn't it ?  
(a) wasn't it  
(b) weren't it  
(c) weren't they  
(d) No improvement

Directions (Q. 6-10): In the following passage, some of the words have been

left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.

No communication has ever provided so many people with a(6) range of new(7) as television has. Without(8) their homes, people can watch government officials(9) important functions and see how people in (10) lands look and live.

6. (a) large (b) wide  
(c) many (d) broad
7. (a) experiences (b) incidents  
(c) happenings (d) anecdotes
8. (a) parting (b) moving  
(c) departing (d) leaving
9. (a) perform (b) accomplish  
(c) pursue (d) achieve
10. (a) far out (b) far off  
(c) by far (d) far and wide

Directions (Q. 11-12): In the following questions, groups of four words are given. In each group one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

11. (a) misdemenour (b) manoeuvre  
(c) begining (d) chameleon
12. (a) irreparable (b) irreparable  
(c) irreparrrable (d) irepairable

Directions (Q. 13-15): In the following questions, out of four alternatives, choose one which can be substituted for the given word/sentence.

13. A tank where fish or water plants are kept:  
(a) aviary (b) aquarium  
(c) nursery (d) sanatorium

14. Avoiding wastage:

- (a) economic (b) economical  
(c) minimal (d) optimational

15. Sole right to make and sell some invention:

- (a) Franchise (b) Authorize  
(c) Dealership (d) Patent

Directions (Q. 16-18): In following questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase printed in underline in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

16. In a debate, no one is allowed to sit on the fence .  
(a) to avoid taking sides  
(b) to insult a speaker  
(c) to relax while others speak  
(d) to agree with everyone
17. He felt like a fish out of water in social gatherings.  
(a) uncomfortable  
(b) exhausted  
(c) energetic  
(d) nervous
18. The matter has been sorted out .  
(a) revised (b) supported  
(c) resolved (d) changed

Directions (Q. 19-20): In the following questions, choose the word that is opposite in meaning to the given word.

19. Abandon:  
(a) regain (b) retain  
(c) remain (d) revive
20. Humble:  
(a) rich (b) powerful  
(c) haughty (d) strong

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

# Passage

Inside a local eatery on a recent night, I noticed a fat brown dot walking along the counter top. As it ducked in an around the napkin holder, hid in a crack near the menu rack then made a dash for glass of ice water, it became clear that this was no ordinary creature. This was a cockroach, the most enduring of all mankind's associates.

Although my appetite was gone, the waitress wasn't even embarrassed. But she did become frustrated when she tried to kill it. With a roll of newspaper in hand, she took a mighty swat, then tossed the paper into a trash can. a few seconds later, here comes the cockroach, walking out of the newspaper roll, little stunned but apparently as thirsty as ever as it made its way back to the bar.

21. The "fat brown dot" in paragraph one refers to:  
(a) a bug (b) a waiter  
(c) a cockroach (d) a fly
22. The writer's response to the waitress reaction was one of:  
(a) anger (b) surprise  
(c) frustration (d) agitation
23. At the end of the incident the cockroach was:  
(a) dead (b) unconscious  
(c) eliminated (d) alive
24. A local "eatery" in paragraph one refers to:  
(a) a restaurant (b) a hotel  
(c) a canteen (d) a kitchen
25. The word "creature" in the phrase "no ordinary creature" in the first paragraph refers to:  
(a) a reptile (b) an insect  
(c) an alien (d) an organism
26. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.  
A. The cafe's owner says he's interested in conservation and hopes customers will realise the animals are worth saving, even

though they often have a bad reputation.

- B. None of them are venomous, meaning customers can get up close and personal with the reptiles.
- C. Here you sip your drink in the company of 35 snakes.
- D. This cafe, which has just opened in Tokyo, is not for the faint-hearted.  
(a) DCBA (b) ABCD  
(b) DBCA (d) ABDC
27. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. We had to decline several orders in case that the production was held up due to labour strike.  
(a) in case that  
(b) due to labour strike  
(c) the production was held up  
(d) We had to decline
28. Select the wrongly spelt word—  
(a) Callous (b) Career  
(c) Calander (d) Carriage
29. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. At daggers drawn  
(a) Deceiving somebody  
(b) Bitterly hostile  
(c) Friendly with each other  
(d) Without hope
30. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. A person, animal or plant much below the usual height  
(a) Creature (b) Witch  
(c) Wizard (d) Dwarf
31. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution in required, select 'No improvement'.  
If you park your car here, the traffic police has fined you.  
(a) fine you  
(b) will fine you  
(c) fined you  
(d) No improvement

32. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

His company has the ..... of producing the best cricket balls in the country.

- (a) brand (b) opinion  
(c) position (d) reputation

33. Select the antonym of the given word.

Scarce

- (a) Seldom (b) Scanty  
(c) Few (d) Plentiful

Directions (34–38): In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

# PASSAGE

Seoul's city government is asking people for help to correct poorly translated street signs with prizes on offer for ...(34)... who spot the most errors. It's running ... (35)... two-week campaign calling on Koreans and foreigners ...(36)... to keep their eyes peeled for ...(37)... in English, Japanese and Chinese text, the Korea Times reports. There's a ...(38)... focus on public transport signs, maps and information signs at historic sites, as part of a drive to improve the experience of foreign tourists in the South Korean capital.

34. (a) that (b) those  
(c) these (d) this
35. (a) a (b) one  
(c) an (d) the
36. (a) alike (b) similarly  
(c) likely (d) same
37. (a) blunder (b) mistakes  
(c) guffaws (d) oversight
38. (a) particular (b) important  
(c) signifying (d) meticulous
39. Select the synonym of the given word.  
Chronic  
(a) Persistent (b) Common  
(c) Ordinary (d) Temporary

40. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.  
Around sixty bands in colourful ..... took part in the Notting Hill Carnival.  
(a) clothings (b) costumes  
(c) apparels (d) dressing
41. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.  
A. An environmental group performed a necropsy on the animal and found about 40 kilograms of plastic, including grocery bags and rice sacks.  
B. A 4.7-metre long whale died on Saturday in Philippines where it was stranded a day earlier.  
C. "It's very disgusting and heartbreaking," he said. "We've done necropsies on 61 dolphins and whales in the last 10 years and this is one of the biggest amounts of plastic we've seen."  
D. "The animal died from starvation and was unable to eat because of the trash filling its stomach," said Darrell Blatchley, Director of D' Bone Collector Museum Inc.  
(a) BACD (b) BADC  
(c) ABCD (d) DABC
42. Select the wrongly spelt word—  
(a) Exploite (b) Explode  
(c) Explicit (d) Expire
43. Select the antonym of the given word.  
Expansion  
(a) Extension  
(b) Inflation  
(c) Compression  
(d) Augmentation
44. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.  
A student who idly or without excuse absents himself/herself from school.  
(a) Vagrant (b) Itinerant  
(c) Migrant (d) Truant
45. Select the correct active form of the given sentence.  
Every passing vehicle was being thoroughly checked by the guards.  
(a) The guards have been thoroughly checking every passing vehicle.  
(b) Every passing vehicle were thoroughly checking the guards.  
(c) The guards have thoroughly checked every passing vehicle.  
(d) The guards were thoroughly checking every passing vehicle.
46. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.  
Do not buy medicines without the doctor's prescription.  
(a) Medicines could not be bought without the doctor's prescription.  
(b) Medicines need not be bought without the doctor's prescription.  
(c) Medicines should not be bought without the doctor's prescription.  
(d) Medicines might not be bought without the doctor's prescription.
47. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.  
To play ducks and drakes  
(a) To use recklessly  
(b) To change places  
(c) To act cleverly  
(d) To be friendly
48. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.  
Cyclone Idai killed at least 157 people in Zimbabwe and Mozambique, although it tore across Southern Africa.  
(a) Although  
(b) It tore across  
(c) At least 157 people  
(d) Cyclone Idai killed
49. Select the antonym of the given word.  
Coerce  
(a) Pressurise (b) Cajole  
(b) Leave (c) Enchant
50. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No improvement'.  
The workers of this textile factory demand higher wages for a long time.  
(a) has demanded higher wages  
(b) No improvement  
(c) demanded higher wages  
(d) have been demanding higher wages

## Answers with Explanations

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1. (c) Here, the word angry will take preposition 'with'.
2. (b) The word Different takes preposition 'from'.
3. (b) Here, there were many oldtimers (plural)—should be used.
4. (b) than she fainted
5. (c) weren't they
6. (c) many
7. (a) experiences
8. (d) leaving
9. (a) perform
10. (b) far off
11. (b) The correct spellings of other words are: misdemeanour, beginning; chameleon.
12. (b) The correct spelling is: irreparable.
13. (b) aquarium
14. (b) economical
15. (d) Patent
16. (c) Idiom sit on the fence means: to avoid becoming involved in deciding or influencing something.
17. (a) Idiom fish out of water means: a person who feels uncomfortable or awkward because of unfamiliar surroundings.
18. (c) Phrase sort out means: to organise something successfully; resolve.
19. (b) The word abandon (Verb) means: give up; forsake; to leave.
20. (c) The word Humble (Adjective) means: modest; showing you do not think that you are as important as other people.  
The word Haughty (Adjective) means: behaving in an unfriendly way towards other people because you think you are better than them; arrogant.
21. (c) a cockroach
22. (b) surprise
23. (d) alive
24. (a) a restaurant
25. (d) an organism

26. (a) Correct order of the sentences → DCBA
27. (a) Replace 'because' in place of 'in case that' for correct meaning to the sentence.
28. (c) The correct spelling → Calendar.
29. (b) The idiom 'at daggers drawn' means '(of two people) be bitterly hostile towards each other'.  
• They have been at daggers drawn for weeks over tactics.
30. (d) Meaning of the word 'Dwarf' → A person who is of unusually or abnormally small stature because of a medical condition; a person affected by dwarfism.
31. (b) For the improvement of a sentence, use 'will fine you' in place of 'has fined you'.
32. (d) Correct filler for the blank → Reputation means 'the beliefs or opinions that are generally held about someone or something'.
33. (d) Opposite of Scarce is: Plentiful: existing in or yielding great quantities; abundant.
34. (b) Appropriate option for the blank → those.
35. (a) A determiner is required to fill in the blank.  
An indefinite article 'a' is required because it precedes a word that begins with a consonant sound.
36. (a) The blank needs an adverb, not an adjective. Between 'alike' and 'similarly', 'alike' is the correct choice.
37. (b) 'Mistakes' is the appropriate word to fill in the blank.
38. (a) 'Particular' meaning 'especially great or intense' is the appropriate word for the blank.
39. (a) Chronic/Persistent: (of an illness) persisting for a long time or constantly recurring, continuing to exist or occur over a prolonged period.
40. (b) 'Costumes' meaning 'a set of clothes worn by an actor or performer for a particular role' is the appropriate word for the blank.

41. (b) Correct order of the four jumbled sentences is → BADC.
42. (a) Correct spelling of 'Exploite' is 'Exploit' and it means 'make full use of and derive benefit from a resource'.
43. (c) Antonym of Expansion is: Compression: the reduction in volume.
44. (d) Truant: a pupil who stays away from school without leave or explanation.
45. (a) Correct active form of the given sentence → The guards were thoroughly checking every passing vehicle.
46. (c) Correct passive form of the given sentence is →  
Medicines should not be bought without the doctor's prescription.
47. (a) The idiom 'to play ducks and drakes' means 'to behave recklessly; to idly squander one's wealth'.  
Sentence → She played ducks and drakes with her property.
48. (a) The use of conjunction 'although' is incorrect in the sentence. To correct the sentence use 'as' in place of 'although'.
49. (a) Coerce/Pressurise: persuade (an unwilling person) to do something by using force or threats; attempt to persuade (someone) into doing something.
50. (d) The phrase 'for a long time' indicates the duration of some activity which started in past and still continues. Use present/past perfect continuous tense to represent such actions.